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JOSEPH GUILFORD, REV. WAR PENSION

The following are selected items from the Revolutionary War pension records of Joseph Guilford found on microfilm at the National Archives, Washington, D. C.
Contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

State of North Carolina County of Beaufort}
On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, now sitting, Joseph GUILFORD, resident of the County of Beaufort & State aforesaid aged 70 years, 3 months and 6 days, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. First. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. He states that he was born in the County of Pasquotank, now Camden, State of North Carolina – at the age of 7 was removed to the County of Pitt where he continued to reside until he volunteered in the Company of Captain Samuel BARROW of the North Carolina Militia in the year 1780 about the last of the month of June in the County of Pitt – then marched to the town of Kingston on the Neuse River, when he marched to Hailey's ferry on Pedee River, by the way of Wake Court House, thence into South Carolina, thence to Salisbury in North Carolina thence to Charlotte, thence driven back to Salisbury by Cornwallis, thence to Chatham Court House, thence to the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin , thence into Rowan, was placed in the hospital from which he was discharged by Doctor North; making in the whole 4 months. He understands that Seawell was there Colonel and Sumner there General. He was next in the service for 3 weeks for the purpose of meeting the British who were said to be at Wilmington – marched, took 5 British prisoners returned home understanding they had evacuated Wilmington. In the latter part of July 1781, he volunteered under Captain John GODLEY for the purpose of marching against the British forces then at Newbern under the command of Major Craig – he marched to fore Creek Mills & threw up works to await the enemy if he should come – was sent on the picket guard – fired at the enemy advancing, ran & was at length taken by a flanking or plundering party – was thence sent prisoner to Wilmington, thence to Charleston where he remained a prisoner on board of the prison ship Esk till after the battle of York when on November 6th 1782 he was exchanged & returned home after an absence of about 16 months. In this service James GORHAM was the Colonel. He was at Greene's camp between Ashley ferry & Bacon Bridge immediately after the exchange – he received no written discharge or paper writing of any time. The certificate or discharge by North given at Rowan he has lost. The record of his age he presumes is in the family of his uncle at the place where he was born in Pasquotank.

Joseph GUILFORD

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court by Jos GUILFORD Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions 1832
Wm ELLISON, Clk

John NOBLES maketh oath that he is in his 70th year of age – that he has known Joseph GUILFORD from their youth – remembers that Joseph Guilford was in service at the time Craig was at New Bern – was at that time taken prisoner as he has always understood & continued a prisoner till peace.
Subscribed & sworn to in open Court John (his X mark) NOBLES
by John NOBLES Aug term 1832
Wm ELLISON, Clk

Brittain EDWARDS maketh oath that he has been acquainted with Joseph GUILFORD for many years— that he is about seventy years of age is reputed & believed in the neighbourhood where he resides of have been a soldier in the revolution- & the said Brittain EDWARDS concurs in that opinion
Subscribed & sworn to in open Court Brittain EDWARDS
by Brittain EDWARDS- Aug term 1832
Wm ELLISON, Clk

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Beaufort, North Carolina, Joseph GUILFORD, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades – For one year, 8 months and 21 days I served as a private – that is to say in the service first mentioned in the foregoing declaration that I served 4 months – and the next service 3 weeks – in the last col one year & 4 months, making altogether 20 months & 3 weeks; & for such service I claim a pension. Joseph GUILFORD
Sworn to and subscribed before
me May 20th 1833
Richard H. BONNER, JP

HOWELL HEARNE DROWNED, 1892

Eastern Reflector, Greenville, NC, Wed., Jan. 4, 1893

Late last Wednesday evening the body of Mr. Howell HEARNE, a former citizen of Belvoir township, was found in the river just below Centre Bluff. He had been missing since Monday night. HEARNE drove to the Bluff on Monday, December 26th, left his horse and buggy near the river and crossed over the ferry to Dudley's barroom. During the evening there was considerable drinking, and HEARNE with others got pretty full and fussy. Sometime after night HEARNE started to go home, his son and another young man walking with him as far as the river where they left him and returned to the barroom. Next morning HEARNE'S horse and buggy where still standing on the north side of the river where they were left the day before and HEARNE was missing. Parties were dragging the river in search of his body Wednesday and after sometime time found it. When found the right arm was raised and the hand grasping an open knife in a position for attack or defense. This at first led to the supposition that HEARNE had been in an altercation with some one and while attempting to use his knife was knocked in the river. Coroner WARREN was notified and gave the case a thorough investigation on Thursday, but failed to find any evidence of foul play. From what could be gathered the jury returned a verdict that his death was caused by his accidently falling into the river and drowning. HEARNE had a habit of keeping an open knife about him when drinking.

WILL OF JOSEPH GUILFORD, BEAUFORT CO., NC, 1837

This Will of Joseph Guilford, Revolutionary War veteran, written June 16, 1837 and Probated June 1840, was transcribed by Elizabeth Ross from NC Supreme Court, case #4102, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. According to Elizabeth Ross, Harriet Morris' dissention set off a lengthy series of court appearances, beginning in 1840, going finally to the NC Supreme Court. The crux of the matter appeared to be disagreement among Harriet Morris, and the other heirs as well, as to the dispersement of the slaves (especially Dan [or Dave?]), and to the proceeds from hiring out all the slaves. The confusion was amplified by the fact that Joseph Guilford, after writing his Will, married Harriet Morris and had a son by her named Joseph McD. Guilford, and by the fact that Joseph Guilford sold to his daughter, Elizabeth Langley, some slaves by deed. Also after the writing of the Will. Harriet, the widow, had remarried to Thomas Lewis. The summary of the case as published in the NC Reports, erroneously cited the Will as saying "my wife Harriet" -- but this copy clearly shows "friend Harriet Morris." The young Alvana Morris married on May 12, 1852 in Beaufort Co., NC to William Henry (Will) Buck, They lived mainly in Chocowinity twp., Beaufort Co., but the sons liked the Pitt County girls over in Chicod twsp.. The boy born after the Will, Joseph McD. Guilford, was living with Sally Gallaway, the widow of Noah Gallaway, in Chocowinity. Other records show that the grandchildren named in the Will, George W. Guilford and Guillana Guilford, were the children of Wallace Guilford, dec'd., and his wife Sally Moore. Guillana married Calvin Gallaway and died in 1850. The young boy, Joseph McD. GUILFORD married Winifred Best and died in Martin Co., NC. Joseph's daughter Elizabeth had married Elijah Langley and lived in Pitt Co., NC. Noah W. Guilford and George W. Guilford remained in Beaufort Co., NC, leaving many descendants south of the Pamlico River.

In the name of God Amen I Joseph GUILFORD of the County of Beaufort and State of North Carolina being in sound & perfect mind and memory blessed be God for the same, do make & publish this my last will & testament in manner following -- vis

1 I leave all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of my estate

2 I give my grandson George W GUILFORD the land & plantation whereon I now live, it is the land I purchased of John GRIST containing 163 acres more or less and I also give him my new feather bed and furniture and my gun that was his fathers

2 I give to my friend Harriet MORRIS one feather bed, bedstead & furniture the one she sleeps on, and one woolen wheel and card, and one small iron pot one set of tea cups & saucers, one set of knives & forks also one hundred dollars in cash I also give her five barrels of corn and two hundred & fifty pounds of bacon or pork and ten gallons of honey and eight pounds of coffee if I have as much on hand at the time of my death, if not my executors to buy & furnish her with it for her years support.

3 I give to Alvana MORRIS the daughter of Harriet MORRIS my negro boy Dan [or Dave?], I wish my executors to hire out this boy and apply the proceeds or so much of it as may be necessary to ____ [illegible word] clothes & educate said child -- And if the said child Alvana MORRIS should die before she arrives to the age of twenty one years then the said negro boy Dan to go back & be sold by my executors and the proceeds to be divided as follows equally among George W GUILFORD, Gulaney GUILFORD, Noah W GUILFORD and Elizabeth Langley. I also give the child Alvana MORRIS one hundred dollars in money, which I leave in the power of my executors to use as much of it as is necessary for her support until the negro hire comes in hand.

4 I leave all the balance of my land not disposed of except the tract on the west side of Newbern road to be sold at public sale by my executors and divided as follows. One half to be divided between George W GUILFORD and his sister Gulaney GUILFORD and the other half to my daughter Elizabeth LANGLEY. And the tract of on the west side of Newbern Road I leave to be sold by my executors and proceeds equally divided among my children and grandchildren as follows, One fourth to Noah W GUILFORD one fourth to Elizabeth LANGLEY and the other half between George W GUILFORD and Galaney GUILFORD. And all my stock of horses, mules, calf & hogs sheep ___

my house hold & kitchen furniture not disposed of before and all the plantation tools and perishable property of any discription to be sold at public sale and the proceeds all but the hundred dollars before left Harriet MORRIS and the hundred dollars left Alvana MORRIS to be divided into three shares. One third to Noah W GUILFORD one third to Elizabeth LANGLEY and the other third to be divided between George W GUILFORD and his Sister Gulaney GUILFORD

And I leave all the balance of my negroes to be hired out by my executors two years and the proceeds to be divided among my children & grandchildren as follows one third to be divided between George W GUILFORD and his Sister Gulaney GUILFORD and the two thirds equally divided between my son Noah W GUILFORD and my daughter Elizabeth LANGLEY and at the expiration of two years I leave my negroes all but boy Dan [or Dave?] before disposed of to be sold by my executors and divided in three shares, one third to George W GUILFORD and his Sister Gulaney and the other two thirds between Noah W GUILFORD and his sister Elizabeth LANGLEY equal.

And I hereby appoint my friend Nathaniel HARDING and my son Noah W GUILFORD sole executors to this my last Will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 16th day of June in the year of our Lord 1837 -- the words struck off was done before the signing and executing of this.

Signed, Sealed, published and by the above named Joseph GUILFORD to be his last Will & testament.

In presence of us the subscribing witnesses

Anthony KINNION Joseph GUILFORD {Seal}

Britton EDWARDS

State of North Carolina, June Term 1840 of Beaufort County Court then was this paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Joseph GUILFORD one of the executrs therein named and offered for probate whereupon Anthony KINNION one of the subscribing witnesses to said paper writing proved the same to be duly executed according to law so as to pass both real & personal estate. At the same time Noah W GUILFORD qualified as executor thereto. Let it be recorded Will C. Eborn Clk

And Harriet GUILFORD widow of said Joseph came into Court & entered her dissent to said Will. Will C. Eborn Clk

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HOPKINS FAMILY FORTUNE

Daily Reflector, Greenville, NC, Thursday, Aug. 19, 1926

Claiming to be the nearest living relatives of the late Mark and Moses HOPKINS, and therefore heirs to the $300,000,000 estate of the California railroad magnate, Mrs. Laura EDMUNDS, 83, and her two daughters, Misses Annie and Gattie EDMUNDS, of this city have employed local counsel, and papers setting forth the claim will be formally filed at once. Claiming fraud in the settlement and distribution of the HOPKINS estate forty years ago, 137 alleged heirs in this state have taken legal steps to have the case reopened and the fortune redistributed among the rightful heirs and a hearing on the matter will be held soon in United States Circuit Court before Judge E. Y. WEBB. Mrs. EDMUNDS, a native of Martin county, is the only living child of the late John HOPKINS, who was brother of Mark and Moses HOPKINS. She and her daughters have spent their entire lives in this immediate section of the state and a few months ago moved to this city from Scotland Neck. Living here in needy circumstances, the family seldom if ever read a newspaper and have been uninformed heretofore of the litigation in the matter of the HOPKINS estate. A neighbor, however, who on several occasions had heard the old lady, who now lives much in the past, talk of her early days and of her uncle who went to California in the "gold rush," chanced across a newspaper article referring to the present proceedings regarding the fortune, and immediately carried the information to Mrs. EDMUNDS. The old lady immediately established her relationship to the late railroad magnate by tracing accurately the family history. Persons here who have heard her story, believe there is no doubt she is the nearest relative, and that she will no doubt come in for a good share of the estate should the courts order the fortune redistributed.

Abraham & Ephriam Pettypool Deed, Dobbs Co., 1769

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Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

To all People to whom these presents Shall Come I Abraham PETEPOOL Planter of the Province of north Carolina and in the County of Dobbs Send Greeting Know ye that I the Said Abraham PETEPOOL for and Inconsideration of the sum of Twenty five Pounds Current Proclamation money of Said Province to me in hand paid before The Ensealing and Delivery of these presents well and truly paid by Ephram PETEPOOL planter of the County and province aforesaid the Receipt whereof I Do hereby acknowledge my Self there with fully Satisfied and Contented there of and Every part there of Do acquit and Discharg the said Abraham PETEPOOL his heirs Executors and administrators for ever by these presents have Given granted Bargained Sold aliened Conveyed Confirmed and by these presents Do fully freely and absolutly Give Grant Bargain Sell alien Convey and Confirm unto him the aforesaid Ephram PETEPOOL his heirs and assigns for ever one messuage or parcel of Land Containing by estemation one hundred Acres be the Same more or less [TEAR] It Being part of the Land James CURLEE Sold Jacob JONES By Deed of Sale Bearing DEATE April one thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty two ajoyning the above Said Ephram PETEPOOL plantation In Dobbs County on Sandey Run to have and to hold for ever the Said granted and Bargained premises with all the appurtainances Priviledges and Commodities to the Same Belonging or in any wise appertaining with all houses orchards gardens Clear Grounds woods Land pastures and water couses and all other Liberties and Priveledges there in and there on Containing to him the Said Ephram PETEPOOL his heirs and assigns for ever to his or their only proper use and Behoof for ever and I the Said Abraham PETEPOOL and my heirs Executors and administrators do Covenant promise greant to and with the said Ephram PETEPOOL his heirs and assigns that Before the ensealing here of I am the true Sole and Lawfull owner of the above Bargained premises and am Lawfully Seized and possesed of the Same in my one proper Right as good Right and perfect and absolute Esteat of Inheretance in fee Simple and have in my Self Good Right and full power and Lawfull authority to grant Bargain Sell and Convey the Said Bargained premises in manner above Said and that the above said Ephram PETEPOOL his heirs and assigns Shall and may from time to time and all times for ever here after by force of vertue of these presents Lawfully peacably and queitly have hold use occupy and posess and Injoy the Said Demised Bargained premises with the appertenances free and Clear and Clearley acquited and Discharged of all manner of Former Gifts quantes Bargains Sails Leases morgages wills Intails Joynters Dowrys Judments Executions Incombrances and Exltracts Except the quit rents onely furthermore I the Said Abraham PETEPOOL for my Self my heirs Executors and administrators Do Covenant and Ingage the above Demised premises to him the Said Ephram PETEPOOL his heirs and assigns against the Lawful Claim or Demands of any person or or Persons what so ever for ever hereafter to warrant and Secure and Defend In witness whereof I the above Mention Abraham PETEPOOL have Sett my hand and Sele this fouth Day September In In the yeare of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred Sixty nine----

Sind Sealed In the Presents of — Abraham PETTIPOOL {Seale}
Caleb (his mark) TRIPP
Samll SAMFORD

Dobbs County April Inferior Court 1770 Present his Majestys Justices
Then was the within Deed of Sale Duly proved in open Court by the oath of Samuel SAMFORD a Subscribing Witness thereto & ordered to be Registered Test- Martin CASWELL Clk
Enrolled in the Registers Office of Dobbs County in Liber MC No 3 page 361 & 362 this Day of May 1770 By Martin CASWELL Regr.

GEO. MCHENRY-WM. BRYANT DEED, DOBBS CO., 1770

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Know all men by these presants that I George agustus MCHENRY of the County of Dobbs and provinc of North Carolina planter for the in Consideration of the sum of sixty pounds Currant money of Virga to me in Hand paid by William BRYANT of South Hamton County in the Colony of Virga before the sealing and Delivery of these presents Which I acknowledge myself fully satisfyed Have Bargained sold set Over unto William BRYANT Him his Heirs Exctrs Adminstrators or Asigns for Ever one plantation or Devidant of Land Containing two Hundred acres be the same more or Less the said Land Being in Dobbs County & province of North Carolina on the south side of Little Cotentney Creek Begining at a White Oak Runing thence So 13 W 219 poles N. 77. W. to a Branch Caled ye plum tree Branch then Down the sd Branch to the swam thence Down said swamp to the Begining for the Complement of two Hundred acres in Clooding ye said Water mill as Moses SPEIGHT Built With all Houses orchads Grardens woods and under woods and all other Nats previledges profits Whatsoever to the said Land belonging or in any Wise Appertaining unto him the said William BRYANT Him his Heirs Extrs Adminstrators or Asigns for Ever in as full and ample manner to all intents and purposes as I my Self Could Have Injoyed by the same by--- Virtue of a pattent Granted unto Bryan RAILEY pattent Baring Date ye 18 November 1738 and I do Hereby further Covenant promis afirm and agree to and With ye said William BRYANT Him His Hers Extrs Adminstrators or Asigns that the said Land and Every part and percel thereof is Clear and free from all and all manner of former and other Gifts Grants Barganes sailes morgagues wills Entails and all manner of Incumbrances Whatsoever and that I have a good Rite and Lawfull authority to sell and Dispose of the same in manner as afore Said and I will from time to time for Ever warrant and Defend the said Land unto Him the said William BRYANT Him his Heirs Excrs Adminstrators or Asignes for Ever against the Clames of any person or persons Whatsoever Laying any Clame Rite or title their unto in Witness Whereof I Have set my hand and fexed my seal this tenth Day of January 1770

In presence of us} George agustus (his mark) MCHENRY {Seal}
Nathan MINSHEW
Joseph RASBURY
[TORN]

Dobbs County April Inferior Court 1770
Present his Majesties Justices then was the within Deed of Sale Duly proved in open Court by the Oath of Moses SPEIGHT a Subscribing Witness thereto & ordered to be Registered

Enrolled in the Registers Office of Dobbs County in Liber M page 375 & 376 this 2d Day of May 1770
By Martin CASWELL Regr.

Odd Meeks-Norris Wedding, Edgecombe County, 1833

Tarboro Free Press, Tarboro, NC, Tues. Mar. 19, 1833

Married in Tarboro, about sunset on Friday evening last, by Charles G. HINTON, Esq., Henry MEEKS, aged 60 years to Miss Margaret NORRISS, age 25, after a laborious courtship of about 3 hours.

JOHN ENLOE, CORONER'S INQUISITION, 1783

Found in Craven County Coroners Reports, CR 028.913.1; NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

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Inquisition November Term 1783
on the body of John ENLOE Pitt County

The Evidence of Anthoney
Relating to the Death of the Sd. John ENLOE Deceast----
That Majr John ENLOE On Munday the third day of November about Midnight was not out of his Senses and that On Wednesday the fifth being Call upon to Search for Said ENLOE found him Drownd. near his own Landing and further this Deponant Knoweth not----

Abraham HARDEE--- That Majr. John ENLOE appeared to be Some What out of his Senses on Sunday the Second Day of Novr. and was there On the Third day about 10 Oclock and Still appeared to be out his Senses and that the Said ENLOE Died possest of 3 Grown negro fellows One Boy One plantation 3 horses Eighteen head of Cattle 30 head of hogs and Sundry houshold goods etc

Wm HELLEN--- Say that he was at the Said ENLOES On Tuesday the fourth Novr 1783 and then the Said ENLOE appeared to be out of his Senses

Jemima TAYLOR---Sayeth that the Said ENLOE On the fourth day of Novr. 1783 at night Pulld of his Cloaths and Lay down a Small Time and nelieve fell asleep a Small Time and then Got up again and put On his Cloaths and as he was putting on his Stockings put them On Rongside out and heard him Say at the putting on of his Stocking in the manner aforesd that it was Good Luck and then Got Up and made Some Grog and Drink and then Threw the Can of Water behind the fire and then Told me to Go to the Spring & Bring him another Can full but I told him I would not go to the Spring but went to the Kitchen and Got Some water and as I was Returning Saw him Runing towards the River and heard him Say I Surrender Twice and then went into the River and I follwd him to the River and Saw him in the River Turning Round and Round and heard him Groan three Times and that She believes him to have been Out of his Senses four Days before the Said ENLOE went into the Water in manner aforesaid and this is all that the Sd. Depponant Knoweth On her Examination being about Twelve years old---

State of No Carolina Pitt County} An inquisition indented Taken at Martinborough in the County aforsaid before me George FALCONER Coroner of the County aforesaid On Saturday the eighth Day of November Anodomina 1783 and Eight years of American Independence upon the View of the Body of Majr John ENLOE Then and there Lying Dead in Tar River near his own Landing---- The Jurors Viz David WILLIAMS Isaac HARDEE Isaac HARDEE Anthony Legge John LESSLIE John HOLLAND Stephen BROOKS Thomas GOFF Peter DIGGINS John WILLIAMS Joseph WILLIAMS William HELLEN John STORY Abel DEAL John FRY Henry HERRINGTON Colson ADAMES George MCGOUNES John DREDING Archabald ADAMS Jonathan TISON being Lawfully Sworne Say that thje Said ENLOE On the fourth day of November in the year aforesaid and four dayes---before being Lunetick and Not of Sound Mind Memory and understanding did Go alone to the River aforesaid Did There Voluntaryly Drownd himself in the Water and that the Sd ENLOE Died possesd of 3 Grown negro fellows One Boy One plantation 3 horses Eighteen head of Cattle thirty head of hoges and Sundry houshold goods etc

Geo FALCONER Coroner

Moses Hart-Wm. Bryant Deed, Dobbs County, 1785

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This indenture Made this 24th Day of March In the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty five between Moses HART of the County of Dobbs of the one part & William BRYANT of the Same place of the other part witneseth that the Said Moses HART in the Consideration of five pounds Specie to him paid by the Said William BRYANT hath bargined and Sold and by thes present Doath bargin and Sel unto the Said William BRYAN his heirs and assigns forever forty Acors of Land beit more or Less Situate in Dobbs County on the South Side of Sandy Run Swamp begining at two Small pines in the Course of a pattent Granted to William CURLEE thence along the Same Course to William BRYANTS Line thence along his Line to the plumtre branch thence Down the Branch to include all the Land belonging to the Afore Said pattent within William BRYANT Lines bing part of a pattent Granted to William CURLEE bareing Date this 20th Day of April 1745 [_____?] with al and singular Rights [_____?] & apertainances there to belonging to have and to hold the Said forty Acors of Land tobeit more or Less to the Said William BRYANT his heirs and assigns forever to th only proper use benifits and behoof of the Said William BRYANT his heirs and assigns forever and the Said Moses HART Doath here by Oblige him Self his heirs and assigns to warrent and Defend the Said forty Acors of Land to the Said William BRYANT his heirs and assigns forever against the Lawful Clams of Every person whatever in witness whereof the Said Moses HART hath hereto Set his hand and Seal the Day and Year above----

Sealed Delivered In the presents of} Moses HART {Seal}
Robert HARTS
Zachariah HART

State of N Carolina Dobbs County} July Court 1785
Then was the within deed of Sale duly proved in Open Court by the Oath of Robert HART Subscribing Witness thereto and Ordered to be Registered Test H. CASWELL Clk

Enrolled in the Registers Office of Dobbs County in Liber D page 105. this 10th day of August 1785
B W CASWELL Regr.

Gold and Silver Mines in Pitt County, 1887

New Bern Daily Journal, New Bern, NC, June 18, 1887

The good people of Bethel Township are justifiably excited over the discovery made by an old colored man last week that gold exists in large quantities in the bowels of the earth. The old man has dug several nuggets of gold on the farm of Mr. Gray CARSON near the town of Bethel. Mr. Guilford ANDREWS who is our informant says that Dr. JAMES has assayed a quantity of the ore and says that it is unquestionably gold. Rumor has it that the old colored man has a blue chest full of the precious metal as a result of many nights hard and secret toil. Right on the heels of this comes the discovery of silver on the land of Mr. John B. KILPATRICK of Swift Creek township. Mr. Kilpatrick found a considerable amount while cutting a ditch through his farm which has been pronounced by a chemist as nice silver ore. Hurrah for Pitt county! we will back it against the world for natural advantages.

Benajah Dixon Will, Greene Co., NC, 1826

Found in NC Supreme Court Case #8043, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

In the name of God Amen!
I Benajah DIXON of the County of Greene and State of North Carolina, Planter, being infirm in bodily health but in perfect mind and disposing memory blessed be Almighty God for the Same, and collecting to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life do this Seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty six, do make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, I will and desire that all my just debts, funeral expenses be punctually paid.
Secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary DIXON all of my property to her to divide among my children when she sees proper. Benajah DIXON

Stat e of North Carolina Greene County} August Term 1834
Then was the foregoing paperwriting exhibited before the Court as the last Will and Testament of Benajah DIXON dec. and Tilman HOLLIDAY, Samuel D. POPE and Redding POPE three credible witnesses proved the paperwriting and every part thereof to be in the proper handwriting of said decd. and at the same time Richard DIXON deposed that the same was found among the Valuable papers of said Dec. Ordered to be recorded, Mrs. Mary DIXON qualified as Administratrix with the Will annexed

Attest Wm WILLIAMS Clk

North Carolina

I Robt. W. BEST Clerk of Greene County Court do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Original Will and testament of Benajah DIXON on file in this office.

Given under my hand and Seal of office at Snow Hill the 8th day of June AD 1861.

R. W. BEST C.C.Clk

The children of Benajah Dixon dec'd. living at his death:
1) Esther who married William ORMOND
2) Nancy who married Robert WILLIAMS (They now reside in the State of Mississippi)
3) Penelope who married Henry CANADAY
4) Robert DIXON
5) Richard DIXON
6) Shade DIXON and Lovey his wife
7) Benjamin DIXON who now resides in Mississippi
8) John M. DIXON
9) Henry DIXON
10) Franklin DIXON
11) Mary who married in 1853 to James WATERS
12) Willis DIXON
Mary DIXON widow of Benajah DIXON decd. died in February 1856

Division of Slaves

Report of Commissioners
State of North Carolina Greene County} Fall Term 1857

To the Honorable Judge of Equity
We the undersigned commissioners appointed by the Court of Equity of Greene County to make a division of the Negroes belonging to the estate of Mary DIXON in accordance with the last will and Testament of the late Benajah DIXON-- Whereupon we do hereby make the following divission among said heirs at law the following negroes to Wit:
We have allotted Richard DIXON Daniel and Hannah val. Eleven Hundred dollars

To Henry A DIXON Jack val. Eleven Hundred & fifty dollars----

J. Franklin DIXON Peter Twelve Hundred dollars

William ORMOND Clara and child one Thousand Dollars----

Robert DIXON Eteny and Patsey Twelve Hundred dollars---

John DIXON Isaac Twelve Hundred dollars

Willis B. DIXON Noah Eleven Hundred and fifty---

Robert WILLIAMS and wife Lucy and child Nine Hundred dollars---

Benj DIXON Runs? Titus Eleven Hundred dollars---

Henry CANADY Thos. one thousand dollars---

James WATERS & wife Ephriam and Apsey val. one thousand fifty dollars---

Shaderick DIXON L. Ephriam and Rendy val. Twelve Hundred and fifty dollars—

On calculating the above in figures we find Eleven Hundred and Eighty dollars and twenty five cents to be a distributive Share
Shaderick DIXON pays to Richard DIXON Twenty three dollars & Sixty two cents--- Shaderick pays Wm ORMOND, Robert WILLIAMS & wife, Benj DIXON, James WATERS & wife, Henry CANADY each Twenty three dollars & Sixty two cents Henry A. DIXON pays to Wm ORMOND, Robt. WILLIAMS & wife, James WATERS & wife, Henry CANADY Ten dollars and forty three cents each--- J. Franklin DIXON pays to Wm ORMOND, Robert WILLIAMS wife James WATERS wife, Henry CANADY Twenty two dollars and Ninety two cents each--- Robert DIXON pays William ORMOND, Robert WILLIAMS & wife, James WATERS & wife, Henry CANADY each Twenty three dollars & ninety two cents---- John DIXON pays William ORMOND, Robert WILLIAMS & wife, Henry CANADY, each Thirty Dollars & fifty eight cents Willis B. DIXON pays Robert WILLIAMS & wife forty one dollars and seventy five cents--- Richard DIXON pays to Robt. WILLIAMS and wife fifteen dollars & thirty seven cents--- William ORMOND pays to Robert WILLIAMS and wife Two dollars and twenty four cents Benj. DIXON pays Robt. WILLIAMS & wife Fifteen Dollars Thirty Seven cents James WATERS & wife pays Robt. WILLIAMS & wife Twenty one dollars & Sixty Six cents--- Henry CANADY pays to Robert WILLIAMS & wife Two dollars & twenty four cents---
Old Ephriam being put upon low bid was purchased by H. DIXON for fifty dollars for lifetime of which sum Fifty dollars is paid to him by the Estate or Administrator or Executor of said estate---
All of which is respectfully submitted under our hands and sealsthis Twenty Second day of October A.D. 1856---}

Will. C. BLOUNT {Seal}
Benj. S. EDWARDS {Seal}
John TURNAGE {Seal}

A True Copy J. A. EDWARDS, C.M. E.

JOSEPH B. HINTON-JORDAN NELSON LETTER, 1828

This letter from Joseph B. Hinton to Jordan Nelson is found in Collection #292 Bryan Grimes Papers, Southern Historical Collection, the Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

[Envelope]
Jordan NELSON Esqr Pitt County

Rosetta 7th July 1828.

Dear Sir,
I have just read your letter. For my word sake and for your sake, I did intend going to Pitt on Monday last but it so happened that I then had two bidders for the place where I now live, and as I lost a chance of selling $2500 worth of land, last year, by going to Pitt at the very time a man was waiting to buy, I judges it prudent to delay a day or two, & see how it would end. by doing so, I think I shall make sale, at $3500 or thereabout, which I wish to do, if I move any where else. This detained me until I knew it would be too late to go for your relief, if the plaintiffs forced their executions. But I could hardly think reasonable men would do so, as the Judgments had been standing only a short time, and the times gloomy and hard beyond measure. I thought you might beg off one Court longer—and that my absence would help you to do so. If I did not want the property, I would certainly loan you the means to pay those Executions with, for I would not, if I could muster the means, see you and your family distressed. You may, as certainly calculate on help from me, as you count on life. At the Superior Court of Pitt, if I live, I will be there, and save your property for you. As to the Property, altho I have no expectation of going to Pitt to live, since Mr. LITTLE has failed to do as he said. Yet I wish to add the Dower & Pocoson land to ours. As to the mill, we must see the Equity incumbrance off that, or I dont know how [TORN] get along with that {TORN] that were off and the other [IN FOLD] to me. I would purchase all-- & then I would go to Pitt, but as that is improbable, I would perfer to sell out altogether in Pitt. I am now on a trade for a swap of my Bath lands, for a fine Body of lands, mill seat, plantation & good House, on Chocowinity Bay, about 5 miles below Washington: if I trade, I think I shall make that my Home. For For two hundred and fifty Shadd, if you fish at my Beach, you can use it this season. But I shall look to you for them & shall have to make it a Condition that you send them to me, in good sound state. When I send—sometimes none is got—the time last & always, a great waste of time happens. I would rather purchase here than send for them. Send me 250 good fresh caught Shad—and fish the Season. We are all in health & just from LATHAMS—at the Wedding last night.

Yours Jos. B. HINTON

Youthful Murderer, 1900

Daily Reflector, Greenville, NC, Tues., Aug. 14, 1900

Monday afternoon near Whichard, in Carolina township, a 7 year old colored boy murdered his 5 year old playmate. The particulars as telephones to THE REFLECTOR are that several children had gathered at the house of a colored man named William CHAUNCY, the grown people all being off at work. Gus CHAUNCEY, aged 7 years, and Elijah WILSON, aged 5 years, fell out about something when Gus went in the house and got his father's gun and shot Elijah. The load tore the top of Elijah's head off, killing him instantly. Some investigation was made of the matter, but the boy was deemed too young to put in jail. He said he did not know the gun was loaded. His father was not in the habit of keeping it loaded but lent it out a few days ago and it was carried back loaded.

IMITATION F. W. BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE, 1831

Found in Pitt County Deed Book GG, p. 303; Pitt County Court House, Greenville, NC.
This church eventually became known as he Black Jack Original Free Will Baptist Church.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

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State of North Carolina Pitt County}
This Indenture made the seventeenth dat of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty one between William MILLS of the one part and Urias ELKS Robert DIXON and Jordan COX of the other part, all of the state & county aforesaid assented Trustees for the free will baptist Church meating house which is intended to be bould at the cross roades between William MILLS & Havey MILLS Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Five Dollars in hand paid by the sais trustees to the said Wm MILLS at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said MILLS doth acknowledge and therefore doth acknowledge release & discharge the said Trustees for the freewill Baptist Church granted bargained and sold aliened and confirmed a certainpiece or parcel of land Lying and being in the county aforesaid at the cross roads leads to the [IN BINDING] mny on the west side of the road ledes to newbern beginning at a litewood stump near the forks of the road thence south west to apine thence west sam degrees north to apine thence north sam degrees east to a black Jack thence East to the begining containing one acre more or less I the said William MILLS bind my self and heirs and aseigns forever to warrant and defend the Land that is mentioned to the said trustees and the church of the freewill Baptist Witness my Hand & Seal

Witness----- William (his mark) MILLS {Seal}
Noah ARNOLD
Ares BUCK

February Sessions 1835
Then this Deed was Exhibited into open court and proved in due form of law on oath of Ares BUCK a Subscribing Witness thereto ordered to be registered Attest Archd. PARKER Clk

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Benjamin Carroway Family Photo, 1910

Daily Reflector, Greenville, NC, Sept. 22, 1910

A Family Group in Which are Fifty-Four Persons

Mr. H. L. COWARD has a picture of which he is very proud, and takes pleasure in showing it to his friends. It is a family group of Mr. Benjamin CARROWAY, of Greene county, and the picture was taken at a recent family re-union at his home. Mr. CARROWAY is 64 years of age and his wife 60, both of them being well preserved. They have ten children, eight of whom are married and have families of their own. On the occasion of the family re-union these married children, with their respective husbands and wives were present, as were also the grand children, with the exception of two. The total number of persons in the group was 54, all being of three generations—parents, children and grand children—there being as yet no great grandchildren in the family. It is a remarkable picture, and looking almost like it might represent a school gathering.

Col. John Hardee Cemetery, 1834

Found in Pitt County Deed Book GG, p. 383; Pitt County Court House, Greenville, NC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

This Indenture made the 10 th day of Jany in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & thirty four between Genl. Samuel SIMPSON of Fort Barnwell craven county In the State of North Carolina of the one part, & Luke ALBRITTON Esq of the County of Pitt & State aforesd of the other part, Witnesseth that the sd Saml. SIMPSON for & in consideration of the of one thousand dollars to him in hand paid at & before the sealing & Delivery of these presents the right whereof is hereby acknowledged hath Given Granted bargained [IN BINDIND] & by these presents doth fully freely and Asolutely give grant bargain and sell unto the said Luke ALBRITTON his Heirs & assigns forever Two hundred and sixty nine acres (269) of land situate lying and being in the county of Pitt in the State aforesaid on the south side of Tar River & south side of Hardees creek begining at a stake and running south 75 East to the dividing line between James SHEPPARD and Saml SIMPSON and thence with that line South 20 & __ East to the river thence up the river to a red oak a corner of Col John HARDEEs Pattent thence south 15 west with the line of that Pattent to Hardys creek or run thence up the various courses of that run to the dividing line between ENLOWE and HARDY thence with __ line south 15 west 133 poles to the begining containing 269 acres more or less. this [IN BINDING] was intended to convey SIMPSONS part of the Land formerly owned by Col John [IN BINDING] Dec agreeable to the division made by the commissioners appointed by court to devide said land between Saml SIMPSON and James SHEPPARD and the aforesaid Saml SIMPSON **hereby excepting one quarter of an acre of Land which is to include burying Ground of Col. John HARDYS family**. To have and To hold the aforesd land premises with all & singular the profits previledges and appertainances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and all the Estate Right title Interest claim and demand whatsoever of him the said Saml SIMPSON his Heirs Executors & Aministrators unto him the said Luke ALBRITTON his Heirs & assigns forever and I the said Saml SIMPSON do hereby bind myself my Heirs & Executors Administrators to warrant and defend the aforesaid land & premises unto him the said Luke ALBRITTON his Heirs or assigns from the lawful claim of all persons whatsoever In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal day and date above written—The word land was underlined before signed

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of } Samuel SIMPSON {Seal}
Saml. P. BIDDLE
Jn NORCOTT

W. J. Briley's Child Burned, 1905

Daily Reflector, Greenville, NC, Jan. 16, 1905

This morning the 18-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. BRILEY, who live about five miles from town, was accidently burned to death. The child while unobserved stuck a broom in the fire and in playing with this its clothing caught. The child lived about five hours after the accident.

JOYNER-MAY MARRIAGE CONTRACT, 1835

This original document was found in the Tabitha DeVisconti Collection, #480, East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

JOHN JOINER & HARRIET MAY MARRIAGE CONTRACT

State of North Carolina Pitt County}
Whereas we John JOINER and Harriet MAY both of the State & County aforesaid have agreed to enter with each other in the Holy State marriage and before consumating the same, have solemnly entered into the following agreement (Vizt) I the Said John JOINER on my part do agree and bind myself my heirs &c. that if I Should be the longest liver that on the death of Said Harriet, all the negroes of said Harriet and all other property which she now owns or possesses with all increase of negroes except Such things thatn may be used and worn out or perish, Shall be given up to be divided among her children as if she had not been married to me, and if I Should depart this life first She is to have all the said property restored to her and is to claim noth
In presence ofing from my estate and I the Said Harriet MAY on my part do hereby agree that if I Should be the longest liver on receiving the property which I now possess with any increase of negroes that may come from those I now own. I do by these presents give up all & every right to dower or any other property of any kind, that may belong to the estate of Said John JOINER, and in full faith and confidence that the above agreement Shall be fully and faithfully fullfilled we bind ourselves our heirs Exrt. & Admrs. and hereby wave any informalities or want of form in the above writing, but agree it Shall be binding in law and Equity agreeable to the true intent and meaning thereof in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & Seals the 14 day of May 1835.

In presence of

Thomas DUPREE	John JOINER {Seal}
Robert WILLIAMS	Harriot MAY {Seal}

The above marriage Contract was proven before J L BAILY Judge of the Superior Court on the 14th day of March 1837. Book HH Page 288 James C. ALBRITTON Regrt

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Mad Dog Bit James Vandiford, 1911

Daily Reflector, Greenville, NC, Sat., July 15, 1911

Last Sunday while a crowd was at Sunday school at the Nichols school house, district No. 3, Beaver Dam township, Mr. James VANDIFORD, a young man grown, was bitten by a supposed mad dog. Several others had narrow escapes, and Mr. VANDIFORD would have escaped, but for the fact that in trying to get out of the dog's way he fell. Then the dog bit him. Dr. E. A. MOYE cauterized the wound and sent Mr. VANDIFORD to Raleigh for treatment. The crowd was coming out of the school house when the dog was seen acting strangely. Then it was said "Give the dog a wide berth, something ails him." But the dog rushed at them with the above result. The dog then went off and bit some hogs at Mr. FORLINES, a dog at Mr. Alfred NICHOLS, some hogs at Mr. MCARTHURS and there are reports of other dogs being bitten. Later a dog supposed to be the same one was killed at Mr. John HEMBY'S store. His head was sent to Raleigh and the analysis showed well developed hydrophobia.

JORDAN NELSON LETTER, 1845

This letter from Jordan Nelson to his family is found in Collection #292 Bryan Grimes Papers, Southern Historical Collection, the Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

[Envelope]
State of North Carolina
Beaufort County Washington Post office
Susan NELSON or Frances E NELSON
in care of Edward LAUGHINHOUSE

Linton, State of Alabama Marengo County

Dear Wife and Daughters
I take my pen in hand to inform you all my travel to this place after I arivd at Snow hill I was taken Sick and was very unwell until I left Charleston South Carolina then I got better until I got to Montgomery Alabama and was unwell until three or four Days after I arivd at Linden but now I feel tolarabel well but the weather is so warm I want to leave here tomorrow for Greensborough but I dont think I Shall Stay there long if nothing happens I think I Shall be at home about the 25th of this month I have not got through with my Buisiness but I expect to get through with all that I Can do at present today, and tomorrow I Shall Leave. Mr SATTERTHWAIT is now at Greensborough when we parted he was well we Did not Do as well as I expected in the Sale of our negroes they ar Down, we have not met with any accidents on Road yet but we ware in Danger onst the Ingiont Runn off the tract and onst one of the arcettrus? Broke and Excited all the passengers very much but no Damage ware Done we took the Cares at Goldsborough on Tuesday the 3rd of June and the Day we ware at Charleston and Sunday we Staid at one Mr GOLSTON, in Alabama in the Cainbrake the first night Stupt on the way after we left Godsborough next Day Mr GOLDSTON Sent us to Demoppolus the next Day we Arived at Linden the next Day I went to my Sister in laws and Staid there all night and until after Dinner then returnd to Linden, I have Ben aborde three Railrods & two Steam Boats and three Stages but I like the but I like to travel on the Steambots best we have a Chance of resting and Sleep, But its verry expencive traveling this Rout besides our passage we have to pay $1.50 per Day and Some times more but I never Should have Stood traveling horse back this warm weather it is warmer here than it is in North Carolina I have seen fields of Corn in full Bloom and Cotton fields of a 100 Acres from Knee high to ½ thigh high on a level and some the Richest land I ever Expected to See there is no end to the Soil this land layes in the Cain brake now I wind up to wright you no more until I get home,
June the 16th 1845

Your Affectionate Husband & Father
Jordan NELSON

G. M. Tucker House Burglary Attempt, 1893

Eastern Reflector, Greenville, NC, Wed., Feb. 8, 1893

Mr. G. M. TUCKER tells us that someone went to his home about 5 miles from town, during his absence last Friday night and tried to break in the house. Mr. TUCKER and the children were home and were awakened by the noise the wood-be burglar made. They got up and a little son fired a gun out an upstairs window which frightened the intruder away. An examination showed that a lock had nearly been pried off the door in the attempt to effect an entrance into the house.

PITT COUNTY COURT MINUTES, 1864

The following are selected items taken from the minutes of Pitt County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for August–November 1864, found on microfilm in the NC Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

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Be it remembered that at a Court of Pleas & Quarter sessions began & held for the County of Pitt at the Court House in Greenville on the first Monday in May 1864
Present} H. S. CLARK, L. P. BEARDSLEY, C. CANNON
[p. 245]

William COX fined for not appearing for jury

John B. LUCAS executor named in the Will of Jacob VANDEVERE decd having renounced his office as executor, it is ordered that Wm R. DELANY be appointed administrator with the will annexed, he entering bond in the sum of $25,000 with J. J. PERKINS and W M B BROWN as sureties. Bond given and administrator qualified. Let letters of administration with the will annexed issue to the said W. R. DELANY.

H. G. PARKER Administrator of L. D.? LITTLE decd returns his account current with said Estate on oath

Jesse NOBLES Guardian to Lewis BURNEY returns his account current with said Ward upon oath
[REPEATED ON PAGE 246]

On motion ordered that Ellen BERNARD be appointed administrator on the estate of Joseph B. BERNARD decd, she entering into bond in the sum of $30,000 with G. BERNARD, T. P. BERNARD, W. A. BERNARD and W. WHITEHEAD as sureties. Bond given and administrator qualified.

W. A. JENKINS and C. PERKINS Ex of James S. CLARK decd. returns inventory of account of sale of property of Alifair TAYLOR decd. upon oath [p. 247]

Ordered by the Court that Caleb CANNON be appointed administrator upon the estate of Nathan BOWDEN decd upon his entering into bond in the sum of $1,000 with Jonathan MCGLAWHORN & Ara JONES as sureties. Administrator qualified according to law.

James H. TAFT being called out and failing to appear

T. P. BERNARD & J. P. BERNARD Executors of Blount NOBLES decd returns their account of sales of said estate on oath.

E. P. DANIEL Guardian to the heirs of Daniel WARD returns his account of hiring of negroes on oath.

The Will of Joab HERRINGTON Senr. decd. was exhibited in open court by Caleb CANNON executor therein named. The will was duly proved by the oath & examination of Jos. J. PERKINS? one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Caleb CANNON is duly qualified as executor after giving bond $14,000 with Elias J. BLOUNT and William FLANAKIN as sureties. Ordered the will and probate be recorded.

Ordered by the Court that Marina LANGLEY widow of David LANGLEY decd. has relinquished her right of administration in favor of Saml. H. LANGLEY & Wm. H. PERKINS. It is ordered that administration on the sd. estate of David LANGLEY be granted to sd. Saml. H. LANGLEY & W. H. PERKINS on they giving bond of $250,000 with Churchill PERKINS, James L. LANGLEY, Benj. DANIEL & Reddick CARNEY as sureties.

On motion it is ordered that letters of Administration on the estate of David P. LANGLEY decd. issue to James P. LANGLEY on his entering into bond of $26,000 with Samuel LANGLEY and C. PERKINS as sureties.. Bond given and administrator qualified. It is further ordered the administrator have leave to sell the perishable property in the manner prescribed by act of assembly. [p. 249]

Ordered by the Court that Reuben WHITEHURST be exempt from paying tax upon a negro boy George valued at $400.

On motion it is ordered by the court that Pennie ALBRITTON be appointed administratrix on the estate of Eliza HERRINGTON on her entering into bond of $20,000 with Samuel H. LANGLEY and Enoch MOORE as sureties. Bond and Admintrx. qualified.

Josephus LATHAM admr. on the estate of Nancy E. BROWN decd. returns inventory & account of sales of said Estate on oath.

Wm. M. NELSON Guardian to Joseph B. HARDEE renews his bond in the sum of $100,000 with J. F. BOYD, Bryant SMITH, John S. TAFT, James H. TAFT & Wm. J. LAUGHINGHOUSE as sureties. Bond given & accepted by the Court.

Ordered by the Court that Henry SHEPPARD is appointed admr. on the estate of Joseph A. WILLIAMS decd. he giving bond in the sum of $80,000 with Sherrod TYSON & [FAINT] as sureties. Bond given & admr. qualified. [p.249]

Alley KING Et Al vs. John KING Et AL} publication for non-residents to be made. Report to next Court.

Wm. M. COX Guardian to the minor heirs of Washington KINSAUL decd. returns his account current with said wards on oath.

Henry SHEPPARD admr. on the estate of Benj. W. TURNAGE decd. returns his notice to creditors. Also his notice to creditors as admr. of Col. G. B. SINGELTARY decd. Also his notice to creditors as admr of Jos. A. WILLIAMS decd. [p.250]

J. H. JENKINS admr. of W. A. WHITEHURST decd. returns his inventory and account of sales of said Estate on oath.

__? B ROUNTREE Adminstrx of Henry M. ROUNTREE returns account of hiring of negroes of said estate on oath.

On Motion Henry GAGANOUS (GURGANUS) was allowed to renew his bond as guardian to the minor children of [FAINT] he giving bond in the sum of $75,000 with C. PERKINS, [FAINT], Willis H. WHICHARD as sureties. Bond given & accepted by the Court. [p. 250]

Daniel HILL guardian to Perlina DANIEL returns his account current with his said ward on oath.

W. J. LAUGHINGHOUSE guardian to the minor heirs of Henry MILLS decd. returns his account current with his said wards on oath.

W. J. LAUGHINGHOUSE guardian to the minor heirs of Henry MILLS decd. returns his account current with his said wards on oath.

_____? BROWN guardian to the minor heirs of Arie BROWN returns his account current with his said wards on oath. [p. 251]

The Will of Esther J. BLOUNT decd. was exhibited in open court by Elias J. BLOUNT and Richard H. BLOUNT two of the executors therein named. J. M. HINES one of the subscribing witnesses is a soldier in the Army and out of the State and H. E. JOYNER the other subscribing witness is dead. The handwriting of J. M. HINES was proved by Peter E. HINES and the handwriting of H. E. JOYNER was proved by ____? and Moses MOYE. They give bond of $150,000 with Caleb CANNON and Edward PATRICK and Peter E. HINES as sureties. Ordered the Will and probate be recorded.

Ivy BEDDARD admr. of Richard? BEDDARD decd. returns his inventory and account of sales of said estate on oath.

The Will of Little Berry THIGPEN decd. was exhibited in open court by the subscribing witnesses Reuben COBB and Eliza? C GWALTNEY. James A. THIGPEN the executor therein named. Mrs. Anna THIGPEN said administratrix with Will annexed gives bond of $100,000 with John L. _____[FAINT] and Ivey FLEMING as sureties. Mrs. Anna THIGPEN qualified as admntrx. by taking the oath prescribed by law.

Fleming Family Reunion, 1925

Daily Reflector, Greenville, NC, Tues., Nov. 24, 1925

Twenty-Two Members of Family of Mr. O. C. Fleming Spend a Pleasant Day at Stokes.

(By Lucille FLEMING)

STOKES, Nov. 24-----There was much joy and pleasure reflected Friday, Nov. the 20th, 1925, when the family of O. C. FLEMING of Stokes, N.C. came together for a reunion.

There was about twenty-two of the family present including all of his children and grandchildren. Mr. Fleming is 76 years old and very active for his age.

Mr. FLEMING was married once. His wife passed away several years ago, leaving to this union, six children, four boys and two girls, all of which are living and present on this occasion, except one who died several years ago. The children of Mr. FLEMING present were: Miss Mary FLEMING of Stokes, Mr. J. S. FLEMING of Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. FLEMING of Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. FLEMING of Stokes and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. RAWLS, of Robersonville with their families.

The guests began to arrive about twelve o'clock and by twelve-thirty all were there.

After the guests had all arrived they went in the living room where his grand-daughters, Lucille and Janie L. FLEMING presented him with a large rocking chair as his birthday gift.

About one o'clock a bountiful dinner was served. The old folks then gathered around the house talking of olden times, while the children played around the yard. Soon they all departed to their homes after having spent a day that will long be remembered.

ALIFAIR TAYLOR ESTATE SALE, 1862

Found in Alifair Taylor Estate Records, Pitt County Estates, CR 079.508, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Inventory and account of sales of the property belonging to the estate of Alifair TAYLOR decd.
Amount of property sold by James S CLARK Administrator on the 9th of September 1862

One tin Baker	Albert MOORE	$1.00
1 Trunk	" " " " "	$3.00
1 Basket	C H TAYLOR	.30
1 Glass Pitcher	Benj WHITEHURST	$1.25
1 Chiny Pitcher	Benj WHITEHURST	.85
1 Mug	Penny Ann WHITEHURST	.20
1 Sugar Box	Batson WHITEHURST	.30
1 Bed Spread	Milly TAYLOR	.25
1 Bed Quilt	Batson WHITEHURST	$1.00
2 Bed Quilts	Batson WHITEHURST	$1.00
3 Bed Quilts	Benj WHITEHURST	$4.55
1 Chamber	Milly TAYLOR	.10
1 Bed Stead & furniture	Batson WHITEHURST	$2.10
1 Pair Shoes	Penny A WHITEHURST	$1.00
2 pair Shoes	Albert MOORE	$1.10
1 Tin Trunk	H. W. MARTIN	.50
1 Handkerchief	Benj WHITEHURST	.60
1 Shawl	Milly TAYLOR	.15
1 Blanket	Delitha TAYLOR	.05
All her clothing	Milly TAYLOR	.15
3 Books	C. H. TAYLOR	.10
1 Cart Plow	Milly TAYLOR	$1.35
1 Set Waffle Irons	C. H. TAYLOR	.25
1 Axe	Milly TAYLOR	$1.00
Amt Brot forward	$22.15	
1 Cart	Milly TAYLOR	0.50
1 Saw	H. W. MARTIN	$7.00
2 Choice Sows	J. H. BARNHILL	$7.50
3 Choice hogs	C. H. TAYLOR	$1.30
1 Cow & Calf	J. S. CLARK	$16.00
2 Cows	J. S. CLARK	$12.50
1 Heifer	J. S. CLARK	$13.25
1 Estray	J. S. CLARK	$11.00
2 Estray	J. S. CLARK	$8.75
3 Estray yearling	J. S. CLARK	$5.50
1 Tub	Milly TAYLOR	.65
1 Pail	Milly TAYLOR	.10
1 Basket	Milly TAYLOR	.10
1 Tickler	Batson WHITEHURST	.10
Amount of money on hand 9th Sept 1862		$24.38
		$130.93

This inventory is taken from the book Kept by Jas. S. CLARK Administrator.
It is thought she left brothers & sisters who will heir the property

Respectfully
C. PERKINS & Will. A JENKINS
Executors of James S. CLARK decd

Frank Mills Assault, 1900

Eastern Reflector, Greenville, NC, Fri., Aug. 17, 1900

Mr. Frank MILLS, a one armed Confederate soldier, of Chicod, with a little boy, started home after night Saturday evening from Greenville. When they got near Mr. W. H. TUCKER'S place, about two miles from town, two drunken negroes, Shade ADAMS and Bob JOHNSON, overtook him and began cursing and abusing him for voting for the Amendment and for being a Democrat and taking the negroes right to vote away from them. Mr. MILLS told them to go on as he did not want to have any fuss with them. After cursing for awhile they run over his buggy and broke one of the wheels down which threw Mr. MILLS out in the road. ADAMS began cursing him again and took a rail from the fence and struck at Mr. MILLS with it. Mr. MILLS ducked down and avoided the lick, the rail striking the ground behind him. He raise4d up opening his knife with his teeth and made a strike at ADAMS cutting his throat a terrible gash. He then cut him in the shoulder and several times across the breast. ADAMS called for help from JOHNSON, who took a rail and started for Mr. MILLS, who again avoided the blow and closed in and began using his knife on JOHNSON pretty freely.

After the fight ADAMS and JOHNSON managed to get into their buggy and drove off leaving MILLS in the road.

Mr. MILLS had been to Greenville and gotten two buggy wheels that day which were fastened on the back of his buggy. He took one of these and put in the place of the smashed one and returned to town to get warrants out for the negroes. In the meantime the negroes had gone on down the road and on arriving at the County Home, one of them fell out of the buggy, supposed from a loss of blood, the other one driving on. Mr. J. W. SMITH , Superintendent of the Home, came out and found him lying in the road groaning, and upon examination found that his throat was cut, and his shoulder blade cut, besides several cuts on his breast. He came to town and reported the matter. It was thought that ADAMS would be dead by Sunday morning, but at last accounts was still alive. Mr. MILLS has the reputation of being a man of great courage as well as active. He is a famous hunter and though having but one arm uses both gun and knife very skillfully. He has perhaps killed more deer than any other man in the county, and it is said that if a bear makes a track in his neighborhood, Bruin is sure to lose his hide. Those negroes thought they could take advantage of his being a one-armed man, but next time they had better tackle a circular saw. What Mr. MILLS done for them is no more than they deserve.

Mrs. Rebecca Hardee Reunion, 1926

Daily Reflector, Greenville, NC, Mon., April 26, 1926

On Friday afternoon, the children and grand-children of Mrs. Rebecca HARDEE gathered at the home of her son, Mr. S. M. HARDEE, to celebrate their mother's 80th birthday. The following were present: Mrs. G. W. STOKES and children; Mr. Jim HARDEE; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. HARDEE and children; Mrs. Addie EDWARDS and children; Mr. and Mrs. John GLADSON and children; Mr. and Mrs. Major MILLS and children; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar HARDEE and children; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. HARDEE and children, of Williamston; Mr. and Mrs. Jethro MILLS and children; Mr. and Mrs. S. D. HARDEE and children; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert BIBBS and children. After they had all gathered, they had a bountiful supper. The supper consisted of boiled ham, chicken sandwiches, barbecue, bread, pickles, deviled eggs and cakes of all kinds. It was a large gathering of children and grand-children, there being 11 children, 67 grand-children and 51 great grand-children present. It was a great pleasure to them all, since they were blessed to all be with mother and grand-mother again. After supper they all departed, wishing her many more happy birthdays.

WILSON COUNTY DEATH CERTIFICATES

The following are selected death certificates found in the Wilson County Court House, Wilson, NC. Obviously not all information is given, but these are meant as leads to find names.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

E. B. CHURCHWELL, b. Nov. 29, 1879 in Wilson Co., NC, d. Jan. 24, 1918; jeweler
F: W. J. CHURCHWELL, b. Bertie Co, NC
M: Mary E. DAVIS, b. Lenoir Co., NC

Lawrence E. BARRETT, b. July 6, 1893 in Kinston, NC, d. Mar. 23, 1918 in Wilson, NC; of diabetes
F: J. E. BARRETT, b. Bertie Co., NC guard at Dupont Powder Co.
M: Annie E. BYNUM, b. Pitt County

Jesse VINSON, age 93, b. Pitt County, d. May 17, 1918; buried Wilson County
Parents: ?????

Jesse BLANIFORD, age 70, b. Greene County, d. Feb. 7, 1918 at Wilson County Home
Parents: ?????

John RUFF, abt. 83, b. Greene Co., inmate of Old Soldiers Home, Raleigh, NC, d. Sept. 28, 1918 Stantonsburg, NC
F: Eriam RUFF, b. NC
M: Polly STEPT, b. NC

Mrs. Mary FARMER, b. Beaufort Co., NC, d. Oct. 17, 1918 in Wilson Twsp.
F: John R. MOORE, b. NC
M: Sallie MASTERS, b. NC

Jim MOORE, age 21, married, b. Pitt County, d. Oct. 23, 1918 in Wilson Twsp.
F: John H. MOORE, b. Pitt County
M: Emma CASE, b. Pitt County

Augustus G. COBB, b. Apr. 15, 1891 in Wilson, NC, d. Oct. 12, 1918 in Toisnot Twsp.
F: Augustus COBB, b. NC
M: Morning TYSON, b. NC

George F. SPIKES, b. 1882 in Greene Co., NC, d. Nov. 20, 1918 in Wilson, NC
F: Henry SPIKES, b. NC
M: Martha SHIRLEY, b. Greene Co., NC

Mrs. Adline BAKER, age 38, b. Pitt County, d. Jan. 17, 1919 in Wilson Twsp.
F: B. F. TUGWELL, b. NC
M: Sarah E. NORVILLE, b. NC

Raymond DAVIS (md. Daisy COBB) b. 1884 in NC, d. Feb. 21, 1919 in Saratoga Twsp.
F: Charley DAVIS, b. Pitt County
M: Martha FORREST, b. Pitt County

Mrs. Daisy COBB DAVIS, abt. 34, d. Feb. 20, 1919 in Saratoga Twsp.
PARENTS ???

Benjamin Franklin GARDNER (m. Lena DRIVER) b. June 14, 1889 Pitt Co., d. Mar. 13, 1919 Toisnot Twsp.
F: James W. GARDNER, b. Nash County, NC
M: Susan THIGPEN, b. Pitt County

James H. MASHBURNE, b. Feb. 14, 1841 in Edgecombe Co., d. Apr. 3, 1919 in Wilson County, NC
F: Samuel MASHBURNE, b. Wake County, NC Wilson Town Policeman
M: Susan FORBES, b. Pitt County

Dixie Lee PROCTOR, b. Feb. 13, 1919 near Lucama, NC, d. Apr. 10, 1919 near Lucama, NC
F: C. T. PROCTOR, b. Pitt County
M: Rosa K. LANGSTON, b. Wilson County

Mrs. J. I. TYSON, b. 1894 in Pitt Co., d. May 13, 1919 in Wilson Co.; buried in Greenville, NC
F: Bill BALDREE, b. NC
M: Martha JAMES, b. NC

Burrell Henry BARNES, b. Nov. 25, 1852 near Elm City, NC, d. June 7, 1919 at Elm City, NC
F: Jacob Henry BARNES, b. Edgecombe County
M: _____SKINNER, b. Greenville, NC

Mrs. Moses DEW, age 59, b. Wilson County, d. June 16, 1919 in Wilson, NC
F: Meadie WILLIFORD, b. Wilson County
M: Elizabeth MOORE, b. Pitt County

Luke HEMBY, age 53, b. in Pitt County, d. Nov. 27, 1919 in Wilson, NC; of accidental gunshot
F: Huel HEMBY, b. NC
M: ?????

Jim B. OWENS, age 65, b. NC, d. Dec. 22, 1919 in Wilson, NC of a neck carbuncle; buried in Pitt County
F: Kitchen OWENS
M" ??????

Mrs. Maggie BELL (m. Charlie BELL) b. June 6, 1886 in Pitt County, d. Dec. 18, 1919 from childbirth
F: Ed OWENS, b. ???
M: Eliza OWENS, b. Edgecombe County

B. A. JOYNER, b. Feb. 19, 1885 in Pitt Co., d. Feb. 9, 1920 in Wilson, NC; merchant, buried Farmville, NC
F: W. C. JOYNER, b. Pitt County
M: Mary J. EDGE, b. Pitt County

Mrs. Martha E. MOORE, b. Nov. 1849 in Greene Co., d. Apr. 5, 1920 in Saratoga Twsp.
F: Jesse SHACKLEFORD, b. NC
M: Lydia HINSON, b. NC

Mrs. Lovie Jane CASON, age 76, b. Vanceboro, NC, d. May 17, 1920 in Stantonsburg, NC
F: Stephen WETHERINGTON, b. Vanceboro, NC
M: Sarah Bathe ANDERSON, b. New Bern, NC

Mrs. Laura CRAFT (md. John) b. June 18, 1852 in Greene Co., d. May 12, 1920 in Saratoga Twsp.; of breast cancer
F: Ashley GAY, b. Greene County
M: Elizabeth BEAMAN, b. Greene County

Mary Clark JOYNER, age 2, b. Wilson Co., d. June 18, 1920 from eating sand
F: B. A. JOYNER, b. NC
M: Ruth DEANS, b. Wilson, NC

Mrs. Sarah S. RASBERRY, b. abt 1850 in Greene Co., d. Nov. 1, 1920 in Wilson Twsp.
F: Henry G. SPEIGHT, b. NC
M: Lydia RASBERRY, b. NC

Mrs. Emma M. WOOTEN, b. 1898 in Pitt Co., d. May 29, 1921 in Wilson, NC
F: S. W. MURPHY, b. Lenoir County
M: Rebecca GRIMSLEY, b. Greene County

Mrs. Martha Frances NORMAN (md. Isaac W.) b. Jan. 6, 1868 in Pitt Co., d. July 17, 1921 in Wilson, NC
F: Jim BUNDY, b. Pitt County
M: Pollie Ann BREWER, b. Greene County

Mrs. Sallie GARDNER, (md. Jashy B.) b. Aug. 2, 1841 Pitt Co., d. Aug. 17, 1921 Wilson, NC; buried Fountain, NC
F: Benj. DANIEL, b. Pitt County
M: Maithia COBB, b. Edgecombe County

Bert TYSON (md. Anna KING) b. Sept. 18, 1887 in Pitt Co., d. Aug. 28, 1921 near Wilson, NC
F: Henry TYSON, b. Pitt County
M: Mary BAKER, b. Greene County

Mrs. Edith A. HARRINGTON (md. James F.) b. May 12, 1880 in Pitt Co., d. Oct. 13, 1921 in Wilson, NC
F: Warren TUCKER, b. Pitt County
M: Susan TUCKER, b. Pitt County

Mrs. Susan HARRIS (md. Able HARRIS) b. abt 1844 Pitt Co., d. Feb. 25, 1922 in Elm City, NC; buried Pitt Co.
F: S. FULFORD, b. ???
M: Latha FULFORD, b. Pitt County

Mrs. Julia J. FULFORD (md. Richard) b. abt. 1866 in Pitt Co., d. May 5, 1922 in Wilson, NC; buried Farmville, NC
F: Able HARRIS, b. Pitt County
M: Susan FULFORD, b. Pitt County

Mrs. Lee SUTTON, b. abt. 1895 in Pitt Co., d. Sept. 3, 1922 in Wilson, NC; buried in Pitt County
F: J. W. SMITH, b. Pitt County
M: Mary JAMES, b. Pitt County

Permelia WETHINGTON, b. Dec. 12, 1841 in Vanceboro, NC, d. Oct. 28, 1922 in Stantonsburg, NC
F: Stephen WETHINGTON, b. NC
M: Sarah Anderson BUTLER, b. near Grifton, NC

E. Hawkins OWENS, b. Jan. 1855 in Pitt Co., d. Sept. 21, 1922 in Gardners Twsp.
F: John OWENS, b. Pitt County
M: Mary WOOTEN, b. Edgecombe County

Jack FORD, b. abt. 1915 in Pitt Co., d. Dec. 27, 1922 in Wilson, NC
F: J. J. FORD, b. NC
M: Margaret GODFREY, b. South Carolina

Mrs. Elizabeth THIGPEN (md. Bob) b. abt. 1861 in Pitt Co., d. Oct. 17, 1923 in Saratoga Twsp.
F: Kitchen OWENS, b. Pitt County
M: Rebecca RODGERS, b. ???

Mrs. Nancy TURNAGE, b. abt. 1840, d. March 13, 1924 in Stantonsburg, NC; buried in Jackson Cem., Pitt County
F: Shade JACKSON, b. Pitt County
M: ??????. b. Pitt County

Benjamin F. TUGWELL (md. Annie ROWLAND) b. Feb. 22, 1848 in Pitt County, d. Apr. 12, 1924 in Wilson, NC
F: Ben TUGWELL, b. Pitt County
M: Celia SMITH, b. Pitt County

Wiley CORBETT, b. Mar. 28, 1855 in Pitt Co., d. April 25, 1924 in Wilson, NC
F: Joseph CORBETT, b. ????
M: ?????

Mrs. Nancy C. TRIPP, b. abt. 1853 in Pitt Co., d. Nov. 13, 1925 in Wilson, NC; buried in Reedy Branch Cem.
F: Charles HARRIS, b. NC
M: Elizabeth NICHOLS, b. NC

Miss Fannie PEOPLES, b. July 1850 in Pitt Co., d. Feb. 9, 1925 in the Wilson County County Home
F: Henry PEOPLES, b. Pitt County
M: Clara PHILLIPS, b. Pitt County

Warren GARDNER (md. Minnie) b. Jan. 28, 1877 in Pitt Co., d. Oct. 1, 1927 when car hit by train.
F: Bailey GARDNER
M: Bissie DILDY

Thomas Jordan MOORE, b. 1839 in Pitt Co., d. May 14, 1927 in Saratoga Twsp.; minister
F: Ichabod MOORE, b. Pitt County
M: Elizabeth JONES, b. Pitt County

Elias Burden DAIL, b. Apr. 25, 1854 in Pitt Co., d. Mar. 14, 1928 in Taylors Twsp.
F: Joe DAIL, b. Pitt County
M: Susan ALBRITTON, b. Pitt County

Joseph Robert Gardner, b. Oct. 27, 1882 in Pitt Co., d. Nov. 3, 1928 at Toisnot, NC from suicide
F: James William GARDNER, b. Wilson County
M: Susan THIGPEN, b. Pitt County

Dennis Family Marriages

From the marriage index located in the Register of Deeds Office, Pitt County Courthouse, Greenville, NC. This collection lists all the white entries through 1900. Transcribed and contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

Key to Format:
Groom (age) Groom's Father & Mother
Bride (age) Bride's Father & Mother
Date of marriage. Township. Performing official.
Witnesses

Dennis, Arthur (54) John Dennis & _____ Dennis [sic]
Weathington, Jane (45) Jesse Tyson & Lydia
Jan. 20, 1879. Greenville twsp. Jno. B. Worsley, JP
Robt. Green, Alfred Nichols, Peyton A. Allen

Dennis, John (21) Skelton Dennis & Sarah
Case, Sarah L. (18) ng & Betsy Case
Aug. 13, 1893. Contentnea. A. L. Harrington, JP
J. A. Roberson, J. J. Smith, C. C. Braxton

Dennis, Skilton (45) ng & Mauther? Dennis
Nichols, Patsy A. (43) Whitty Nichols & Louisa
Jan. 11, 1887. Contentnea. J. D. Cox, JP
Ferdinand Harris, James Harris, A. Cox

Dennis, Wm. D. (20) Skelton Dennis & Sarah
Garris, Susan (22) John Garris & Mary
June 26, 1892. Contentnea. A. L. Harrington
Jesse T. Hart, John Jolly, J. W. Hopkins

Garris, W. J. (22) J. B. Garris & Mary
Dennis, George Ann (19) Skileton Dennis & Sarah
Nov. 18, 1888. Contentnea. T. N. Manning, Min.
Joab Harrington, Spencer Harris, George Parker

Jones, Benjamin (34) James Jones & Mary
Dennis, Jacky Ann (38) Elias Cannon & Martha Dennis
Apr. 22, 1877. Contentnea. Jno. B. Garris, JP
S. Dennis, Sarah Dennis, Martha Harris

O'Neal, Ben Asa (22) ng
Dennis, Della (19) ng
Sept. 2, 1873. Greenville twsp. Josephus Latham, Min.
B. C. Pearce, A. H. Mansfield, W. S. Cherry

Privett, Charles M. (21) ng
Dennis, Martha M. (20) ng
June 12, 1873. Greenville twsp. W. L. Cherry, JP
J. L. Langly, A. H. Mansfield, W. T. Paul

Bible Records

Henry W. Dupree Bible Record

Taken from a handwritten transcription found in the Tabitha DeVisconti Collection, #480, East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. No frontpiece information given. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

MARRIAGES
H. W. Dupree and Fannie A Ricks was married in the year of our Lord A.D. Dec. 15th 1869
Henry W. Dupree and Harriett L. Brake was married in the year of our Lord A.D. August 5th 1885

BIRTHS
Minnie Lee, Daughter of Fannie A. & H. W. Dupree was Born A.D. Oct. 17th 1870.
John Henry was Born A.D. Sept. 17th 1873.
Robb Ricks was Born A.D. Jan. 11th 1875
Mary Emma was Born A.D. July 7th 1877
Infant Born & died same date June 18th 1879
William Jasper was Born A.D. May 26th 1880.
Jas. Walter was Born A.D. Aug. 6th 1882
Joseph Louis was Born A.D. Dec. 13th 1888
Benjamin Franklin was Born A.D. Oct. 26th 1890.

DEATHS
Fannie A. Dupree departed this life De. 23, 1884
Emma Sumerlin departed this life August. 21,1941.

Joe Stocks Bible Record

Transcribed from camera copies of the original pages taken by Teresa Wall. A woman brought this large Stocks bible to the last PCFR meeting and to our regret her name was not recorded. We will update this record in a future Quarterly once we find the woman again.

MARRIAGE FRONTPIECE
Clemmy A Stocks Was Born June the 4 1854 Dide Septembr the 1 1912
Mary L Joyner dauter of Joseph Stocks clemey his wif died March 7 19014

MARRIAGES
Joe Stocks was marrded to Clemy Nichols December 8 1874
Dazie Stocks daughter of W H Stocks and Mime his Wife was Born May 25 19010
Charlie W Tripp son of Joseph Tripp and Louisa his wife was Born November 19—1908
Mamie Ruth Dunn daughter fo Joe Dunn Clara his wife was born December the 4 1909.
Christine Stox was married to Farrel (Jolly) December 31, 1931

BIRTHS
Ewad A Stocks son of Joseph Stocks and Clemey his wife was born September 6 1876
W F Stocks son of same was born December 17 1877

James H Stocks son of the same was born December 2-1879
Susan M Stocks daughter of the same was born December 28 1881
Sarah M Stocks daughter of the same was born July 17 1884
Martha E Stocks daughter of the same was born January 1 1886

DEATHS
Joseph L Stocks son of same was born March 22 1888
Zeno L Stocks son of same was born January 29 1890
Clara L Stocks daughter of the same was born August 22 1892
Mary D Stocks daughter of the same was born May 17 1895
Odad A Stocks died September 22 1877
James H Stocks died January 2 1898
Sarah M Stocks died August 22 1900
Earnest H Joyner son of Heber and Dorothy his wife was born October 14 1911
Martha Stocks Hoggard died Nov. 25 1923
Mabal Stocks Died May 18 1925

Joe Dunn age 47 in year of 1930 was babtise may th 23. 1930
Christine Stocks Th daughter of Zeno Stox & Pattie His wife was born November 25 1916
Joe Dunn was married to Nannie Bailey November, 27, 1935
My Father Passed away March 6, 1936 His name was James Henry Bailey.

James R. Johnson Bible Record

These dates were taken from a bible auctioned off at Michael Cables Auctions, Farmville, NC in November 2010. This record was submitted by Ann Vernelson and Betty Wall. According to the Pitt County Marriage Records...

Johnson, J. R. (26) Hardy Johnson & Parmelia
Smith, Hollie L. (20) W. H. Smith & Mary [Nelson]
Sept. 20, 1888. Swift Creek. Israel Harding
Wm. H. Tripp, G. L. Patrick, G. M. Wetherington

MARRIAGES

James Randell Johnson and Hollon Little Johnson were married Sept. 20, 1888

BIRTHS

James Randell Johnson was born September 29, 1861

Hollon Little Johnson was born Jan. 23, 1868

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HUGH PUGH JERRALD, REV. WAR PENSION

The following are selected items from the Revolutionary War pension records of Hugh Pugh Jerrald found on microfilm at the National Archives, Washington, D. C.
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State of North Carolina County of Pitt}
At the Superior Court for the said County of Pitt September Term 1824 thereof before the Honorable Joseph J DANIEL one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity of the State of North Carolina aforesaid On this 2nd day of September 1824 personally appeared, in open Court, being a Court of record expressly made so by the laws, of the State, proceeding according to the Course of the Common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and having the power of fine & imprisonment & Capital punishment; Hugh Pugh JERRALD, aged 74 or 75 years, and a resident in the aforesaid County of Pitt, who being first duly Sworn, according to Law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the first of May 1820, that he the said Hugh Pugh JERRALD enlisted, for the term of two years near the commencement of hostilities in the War of the Revolution, in the State of North in the company commanded by Captain Simon BRIGHT in the regiment commanded by Colo. PATTEN, being the Second Regiment in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until (he believes in 1778) --when his term of service expired, while in the State of South Carolina – when he enlisted in the Company Commanded by Captain JARVIS in the regiment commanded by Colonel Isaac HAYNE (or Haynes) being the fifth regiment in the line of the State of South Carolina in the continental establishment, and that he continued to serve therein to the end of the War. – excepting that he was taken prisoner at the taking of Charleston by the British– from whom he escaped, and as soon as he could joined Colonel CLARK who commanded a part of the same Regiment on the frontier service---That he was in the battles following – first near Norfolk, next at Savannah, where he was severely wounded in the hip by an minie? Ball, and slightly in the leg by a bullet and at the Eutaw Springs where he was badly wounded in the arm and shoulder – and at the Battle in Charleston --when he was slightly wounded in the top of his head – and that he has no other evidence, now in his power, of his said Services, except the testimony of Osborn CLARK & Daniel TOLAR, which was taken before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Craven & forwarded on to the War Department An in pursuance of the Act of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States, on the 1st day of March, 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish as to bring myself within the provision of an Act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts, due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed, and by me subscribed viz
one ax 10/ one Grubbing Hoe 5/ one Shoat 15/ – $3.00 a debt of one dollar one from Shadr QUINNERLY – no insolvent. The above Schedule was proved in open Court by the oath of the Petitioner & Stephen PARISH
atts. Arch PARKER Clk.
I am by occupation a farmer, or labourer, am unable to labour much both on account of age and being crippled--I have a wife about 50 years of age and in good health for her years, my daughter, age 28, one son aged about 25 & another son aged about 23, who partly reside with me, but who are poor and labour for themselves, so that I and my wife depend on our feeble exertions for daily support—
Sworn to & declared on the 2 day of September 1824 before the said Judge of the Superior Court &c
Hugh Pugh (his X mark) JERRALD

HANCOCK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH RECORDS (1808-1876)

These records are the notes of Jesse Lillington (Lill) Jackson from the original church records.
Contributed by William B. Kittrell.

This church, called "**Pitt Swift Creek Baptist Church,**" was first organized at the Hancock Meeting House, July 23, 1808 from former members of the church at Red Banks, who had been dismissed for that purpose.

Charter members were Jonathan FELLOWS, James RINGGOLD, Charles HADDOCK, Keziah MILLS, Peggy STOCKS, Sarah HELLEN, Elizabeth FELLOWS and Sarah TUCKER.

Elder BIGGS and MCCABE preached and then at a church conference the doors of the church were opened for the reception of members and following were received, viz: James POWELL, Kitty POWELL, Jeremiah PETTIT and Grace, a Black woman.

At the next meeting (August 28, 1808) James POWELL was selected Clerk. It was agreed that the Church Covenant be nearly as in the Kehukee history. Brother FELLOWS (Jonathan) was appointed Deacon.

Nov 20, 1808---George LESTER, Susannah CHERRY and Betsey HARDEE were received as members.

Jan 15, 1809---Mary CANNON and Elizabeth SLAUGHTER were received.

March 18, 1809---Thomas CANNON received

April 15, 1809---James SMITH, Mary COX and Nancy GINN received

June 17, 1809---Henry SMITH and his wife SARAH were received by letter from Red Banks

July 14, 1809 Friday---John BROOKS was received and the next day Furnifold CANNON, Anne NOBLES and Louise STOCKS were received. On Sunday Sarah BROOKS was received by letter from Red Banks.

Sept 16, 1809---Henry SMITH, Jonathan FELLOWS and Charles HADDOCK were appointed delegates to the Association at Bear Creek.

Feb 17, 1810---Charles HADDOCK was dismissed because he was leaving the county.

June 17, 1810---Tamar HARRIS was received. Henry SMITH and Jonathan FELLOWS were deacons.

July 13, 1810---Nelly BUCK and Tamar HARRIS were baptized.

Sept 15, 1810---Henry SMITH, Jonathan FELLOWS and James POWELL were delegates to the Association. They took as contribution 25 shillings.

Nov 17, 1810---Sister _____ Forrest was received and Bro. W. P. BIDDLE of Lo____ Bridge was selected for Pastor.

Dec. 15, 1810---Samuel FORREST and Bet, a Black woman, were received. Bro. BIDDLE announced that he would attend quarterly meetings and monthly meeting when he could. Bro WILLYS received by letter from Red Banks.

Feb 16, 1811---Brother HANCOCK was given custody of the church keys, Clerk to keep a list of the names of the members and call the roll when it was thought proper.

Mar 16, 1811---Brother HADDOCK brought a letter of dismission and was received. Grace and Bet, Black women, have a dispute and Jack, a Black man is a witness. (They were excommunicated at the next meeting).

May 17, 1811---Brother LESTER was brought before the church for breaking the Sabbath.

August 1811---Elder H. EWELL made Moderator and Nancy a Black woman received.

Sept 14, 1811---Brother and Sister FELLOWS, Brother and Sister CANNON and Nancy GINN, a Black woman, dismissed by letter. Brother HADDOCK succeeds FELLOWS as Deacon. Brother HANCOCK of Red Banks was at the meeting. J. RINGGOLD, J. POWELL and J. KITTRELL appointed delegates to the association. Brother FORREST appointed to see Harmon HANCOCK and tell him not to sell liquor on meeting days. David KIGHT was received.

Nov 16, 1811---Brother KITTRELL was Moderator. Benjamin and Susannah NOBLES received by letter from Great Swamp.

Dec 18, 1811---Brother HANCOCK of Red Banks refused to act as Moderator because of lack of fellowship on these grounds:

On Discipline, entire lack of it
Members of this church live nearer Red Banks
This church too solicitous to get their members

The church would not argue with him, but later a committee was sent to Red Banks about the matter.

Mar 1812---MCCABE was moderator

April 1812---BIDDLE was moderator and Laura TUCKER was received

April 18, 1812---Conference was held at Red Banks to settle Hancock dispute but non was effected. Abner SMITH, FOWLER and EDWARDS to go to Hancock next meeting time. They went and after the preaching service the matter was settled.

May 12, 1812---Jack and Phyllis (Blacks) received by letter.

June 20, 1812---Elder MCCABE was moderator. Stephen PUGH's Black woman delays her baptism. A committee was appointed to investigate. (she was later excommunicated)

July 11, 1812---Met at Rountree Meeting House. Brother MOORE from Great Swamp was present. Polly ATKINSON was received.

Sept 19, 1812---Sister Amariah HANCOCK received by letter from the Kinston branch of New Bern Church. Next Association to be held at Meadow Meeting House in Greene County.

July 1813---Question of licensing Bro. KITTRELL to preach. (License granted at next meeting)

Dec 1813---Brother LESTER excluded on account of reports of crooked land deals. Sister SLAUGHTER also excluded because of false reports about it.

Aug 19, 1814---Elder JOYNER was Moderator. The question of whether the Association should join "General Correspondence Meeting of North Carolina Association" was discussed.

February 1815---J. KITTRELL was Moderator. Mag, a Black woman, received from Mr. WILLYS church on Swift Creek.

May 1815---Elisha HARRISON received by letter from Connerivy(?) Church in Bertie County.

Sept 16, 1815---Bro. SHIVERS from Great Swamp was chosen Moderator.

Nov 1816---Sarah BLOUNT was received.

May 1817---Sister Elizabeth ELLIS received by letter from Meadow Church. (Greene County) Sister Mary SALTER received. Henry SMITH asks to be dismissed as Deacon because of his age, but the request was not granted.

Nov 1818---Brother and Sister Charles HADDOCK dismissed by letter.

Feb 20, 1819---Jacob BLOUNT was chosen Clerk. Motion to have conference alternately at Rountree, Fellows and Hancock.

May 15, 1819---Irwin MOYE received.

Aug 14, 1819---Sister Sarah BLAND received. Sister Molly SMITH received by letter.

November 20, 1819---Zelotha GARRIS received by letter.

Dec 15, 1819---Irwin MOYE was Moderator

Jan 16, 1820---Nancy ELLIS was received

April 1820---Lydia PEOPLES and Charles ROUNTREE were received. Letter was read from Lowest Lenore (Lenoir County) asking us to join them in a Union Meeting

July 1820---Eliza HARDEE was received.

Aug 1820---Jacob BLOUNT was licensed to preach.

October 1820---Nicey BUCK was to be retained six months and then dismissed if she does not attend.

November 1820---Excluded on account of "too much familiarity with" (statement not completed and no name given)

Nov 20, 1820---Jacob BLOUNT was excluded on account of too much familiariry with a girl.

Aug 1821---Zelotha GARRIS given letter of dismission. Elizabeth Harmon (HARRISON?) received by letter. Also Martha BRITT.

Feb. 1822---Abram CONGLETON was moderator.

April 1822---Elisha HARRISON excluded for drunkenness and falsehood.

May 1822---Brethren MOYE and FORREST request dismission to form church at Rountree.

July 1822---PHILPOT from Flat Swamp was moderator..MOYE was received back into the church.

September 1822---Sister GOWNS (MCGOWANS) received.

July 5, 1823---Susannah FAILING and Nancy CANNON received.

July 6, 1823---Polly ELLIS and Nancy WILSON received.

Nov 1, 1823---Nasby PETTIS, Elizabeth HANCOCK and Nancy WEATHINGTON received. (Union Meeting Minutes)

Feb 28, 1824---Introductory discourse by Elder B. BYNUM. John JOYNER, Meadows Church, Moderator.

April 24, 1824---James WILSON received.

May 1824---Brother NEWBORN from Hertford County was chosen Moderator. Brother SUTTON was delegate from Red Banks.

August 1824---James GRIFFIN was Clerk. J. HANCOCK received. Williams CHERRY and Noah TYSON were delegates from Red Banks.

Sept 1824---Nancy TULL, Rachel REID, Abagail HARDEE and a black woman of Keyleigh (Keely) TUCKER received.

Nov 1824---Joseph ELLIS, Anna PAGE ELKS and Lidda HARDEE received.

Feb 1825---William PATRICK was Moderator.

May 1825---Patsy HARRELL received

June 1825---No conference because of much water, small attendance. Patsy PARKER was received. Two or three weeks later Susannah ROUNTREE was received.

July 1825---Conference met at Bro John CANNON's. Abram COX's wife received as member at Hancocks.

May 1826---Joseph ELLIS, Clerk. William PAGE was received. Next day at the water Thomas HARDEE, Sarah BROOKS, Abraham COX and Sarah RYALS were received.

July 1826---Charles ROUNTREE, Jacob MCLEARNON, Sarah PETTITT received.

August 1826---Allen BLOUNT, Jesse PETTIT, Churchwell MOYE, Mingo, black man, property of Henry CANNON, Eliza, black woman, property of William WILSON, Joseph BROOKS, Caleb SMITH and Daniel WILSON were received.

September 1826---Elisha HARRISON dismissed by request

October 1826---John HAZZLETON, Joseph WORTHINGTON, Sarah PETTIT, John SMITH, Elizabeth____ and Abram, a black man received.

November 1826---Elizabeth, property of Latham PUGH asked admission but request was delayed. Joseph W. WORTH was Clerk

December 1826---Rachel STOCKS was received. Case against Keyleigh TUCKER was taken up and dismissed owing to his old age, bodily infirmities and penitence. Henry SMITH was excluded.

January 1827---Joseph ELLIS was granted a letter of dismission being about to removed from among us.

February 1827---William COX and wife Louisa received by letter from Red Banks.

March 1827---Elder BIDDLE was requested to preach the funeral of Thomas CANNON.

March 3, 1827---At the request of John ROUNTREE of Red Banks the following were dismissed for the purpose of forming a church at ROUNTREE: viz: James RINGGOLD, John RINGGOLD, Allen BLOUNT, Charles ROUNTREE, John VINCENT, Susannah ROUNTREE, Delitha HARRISON, Susannah STOCKS, Kitty POWELL, Elizabeth PARKER, Nancy ROGERS, Fereby PARKER, Rachel REEDE and Polly ATKINSON.

March 31, 1827---Churchill MOYE was granted letter of dismission.

April 28, 1827---John CANNON and Joseph BROOKS were ordained deacons.

June 1827---Clerk was instructed to get a deed given to Charles TRIPP from Thomas HARDEE which Edmond HOLLOWAY had for land on Swifts Creek. Sarah SMITH, daughter of James, Charlotte CAUSWAY, Rebecca SMITH, Zylphia MILLS and Celia, a colored woman, property of John COX were received. Reading BLOUNT and Sarah BLOUNT were dismissed to help constitute a church in Greenville and Elizabeth HERMAN to Rountree.

July 1, 1827---.David SMITH (son of Joseph), Elizabeth PETTIT, Samuel, property of Lenon BURNEY, Jenny, property of Asa STOCKS, were received. Thomas HARDEE was excluded for prevarication and perversion of the truth. Nathan PETTIT was received and Nancy TULL granted letter of dismission. Brother John TYSON baptized several.

August 13, 1827---William CLARK and Abraham CONGLETON preached at Hancocks. William EMERY was received.

September 1, 1827---Betsey WHITEHEAD and Sawyer, a black man, property of James HELLEN, received.

October 6, 1827---Moses, property of Henry SMITH received.

Next Sunday---Celia, property of Stephen PUGH, received and baptized. She had previously been excommunicated.

December 3. 1827---Joel MCGOWANS, moving away, granted letter of dismission.

February 1828---Mary N. BIDDLE received by letter. Samuel SMITH, son of Charles SMITH, Whitmel, property of the heirs of William S. MURPHY, John BROOKS and Enoch DUDLEY who had been received at Fellows Meeting House were enrolled.

May 1828---Louisa PETTIT received. Nancy CAUSWAY who had been received and baptized at Fellows asked to be enrolled. Letter received from Greenville asking us to change our meeting time to some other Sunday. Judy property of Frederick HADDOCK received.

August 1828---Martha HADDOCK received. Grace, property of Abraham STOCKS, was restored after two excommunications.

September 1828---Joseph WORTHINGTON asks permission to build a baptistery at the church at his own expense, After the church seemed not disposed to build one. Harmon HANCOCK dismissed for drunkenness.

October 1828---Asa GARDNER who had joined church at Fellows asked to be enrolled. Jacob SMITH received from Fellows also. Caleb SMITH and Lany SMITH ask dismission to assist in constituting a church at Galloways.

December 1828---Jack, property of Guilford MURPHY, received. Joseph BROOKS about to move from state is dismissed.

Jan 4, 1829---Sunday Chloe ROUNTREE died.

February 1829---Mary SALTER granted letter to go to Greenville.

March 1829---No conference 1st Saturday---snowy bad weather.

May 1829---Elizabeth VINCENT and Mary ALLEN received with Lucy, a black woman, who had been received at Fellows. Arrangements made to distribute one dozen Bibles and two dozen Testaments to the destitute. Also to look after Margaret STOCKS (she died in September of that year)

August 1829---James KIRKMAN and Celia, property of John CANNON received. Robert T. DANIEL complains about a report defaming his character charging that he borrowed money at 10% from a widow, etc.

September 1829---Lydia ALLEN and Betty MILLS were received.

April 1830---James KIRKMAN appointed to cite Jesse PETTIT on charges of fornication. John SMITH to cite William COX on same charges.

May 1830---Williams COX excommunicated on charge preferred in April. John BROOKS dismissed because he joined Free Will Baptists.

June 1830---Church agrees to raise $10. to assist Brother WALT in his travels over the state.

Nov 1830---Jacob B. HARRINGTON was moderator.

Feb 1831---Letter of dismission granted to Elizabeth MILLS who was moving out of state.

May 1831---Charlotte CAUSWAY moving out of state asks letter. Not granted, but granted later. One granted to Nancy CAUSWAY.

Sept 1831---Susan FAILING moving out of state. Letter granted.

October 1831---Keyleigh TUCKER died. Amy HANCOCK died. Louisa PETTIT given letter to join another church.

March 1832---W. P. BIDDLE, Pastor 83 members. Rachel STOCKS and Abraham HARRINGTON about to move out of state get letter.

October 1832---Sarah SMITH granted letter of dismission.

1833---Benjamin SHIVERS, Moderator and Enoch DUDLEY delegate

1834---Nathan PETTIT his wife and Kitty VINCENT get letters of dismission. Linwood GRIFFIN, moderator.

May 1834---James GRIFFIN, moderator. W. P. BIDDLE still pastor. 60 members

June 1834---Linere GRIFFIN, moderator. Abbey HARDEE requests her name be taken off the book.

September 1853---Question of changing time of meeting from 3rd to 1st Saturday and Sunday deferred. (Changed the next meeting but changed back at the following one)

Elder Lanier GRIFFIN Nov 2, 1805 became member of Old School Baptist Church at Red Banks. In 1845/46 he was member at HANCOCK. He died Mar 6, 1854, his wife and seven children survived.

July 1854---Barnes BLAND was Clerk.

January 1855---William MUMFORD dismissed for nonattendance after many mentions of it in conference.

August 1855---David HOUSE and William A. ROSS were present as presbytery for ordination of Josiah COX as deacon. David HOUSE was moderator.

July 24, 1856---James WILSON died.

September 1856---David HOUSE was moderator. Josiah COX and Barnes BLAND were appointed delegates to the association.

1858---NEWBORN, moderator. Martha HARDEE received.

1861---Josiah NELSON was moderator.

1862---David HOUSE, moderator

1864---Noah ADAMS, moderator

1867---Benjamin SMITH received. Josiah NELSON chosen Pastor.

1868---Zilpphy BROOKS received. Josiah COX and C. C. BLAND delegates to the association.

September 1869---Robert Ann BOYD received also Argent WILSON, colored.

October 1869---Reney MUMFORD and Warren MCGLOHON received.

March 1870---Noah ADAMS was Moderator. Stephen and Mary HARRIS received.

1870---William MUMFORD received back.

November 1870---Moderator told church they must either license C. C. BLAND or stop him from preaching. He asked for dismissal. Request was deferred. Barnes BLAND resigned as Clerk. Later C. C. BLAND after much wrangling and maligning, is licensed to preach. Barnes BLAND returns as Clerk.

May 1871---Archibald JAMES was Moderator.

July 1871---Bryant WHITFORD was Moderator.

August or September 1872---Question as to whether C. C. BLAND should be allowed to preach.

1872---Rachel BROOKS received. About this time (1876?) William MUMFORD, Reney MUMFORD, Gideon WEATHINGTON, Nancy WETHERINGTON, David CANNON, Mary CANNON, Stephen HARRIS, Mary HARRIS, Warren MCGLOHON, Elsie SMITH, Amanda PARSONS, Benjamin SMITH ask letters of dismission to constitute a new church.

April 1876---Noah ADAMS preached at Elm Grove. Elsie SMITH and Amanda PARSONS received.

May 1876---Mary CANNON received.

June 1876---Gideon WEATHERINGTON received.

African-American Members of Hancock Primitive Baptist Church

Dec 15, 1810---Bet, a black woman received

Mar 16, 1811---Grace and Bet, black women have a dispute and Jack, a black man is a witness. They were excommunicated at next meeting.

Aug 1811---Nancy, a black woman received

Sept 14, 1811---Nancy GINN, a black woman dismissed by letter

May 12, 1812---Jack and Phyllis, blacks, received by letter

June 20, 1812---Stephen PUGH's black woman delays her baptism. A committee was appointed to investigate. (she was later excommunicated)

Feb 1815---Meg, a black woman received from Mr. WILLYS'S church

July 1826---Mingo, black man property of Henry CANNON, Eliza black woman property of William WILSON received

Sept 1826---Abram, a black man received

Nov 1826---Elizabeth, property of Latham PUGH asked admission but request was delayed.

June 1827---Celia, a colored woman property of John COX was received

July 1, 1827---Samuel, property of Lenon BURNEY, Jenny, property of Asa STOCKS were received

Sept 1, 1827---Sawyer, a black man, property of James HELLEN, received

Oct 6, 1827---Moses, property of Henry SMITH received

Sept 1827---Celia, property of Stephen PUGH received and baptized.

Feb 1828---Whitmel, property of the heirs of William S. MURPHY received.

May 1828---Judy, property of Frederick HADDOCK, received

Dec 1828---Jack, property of Guilford MURPHY received

Aug 1829---Celia, property of John CANNON, received

Minutes of HANCOCK Primitive Baptist Church concerning ROUNTREE Meeting House

Note: There appears there is a Primitive Baptist Church at Rountree's for a time.

July 11, 1812---Met at Rountree Meeting House, Brother MOORE from Great Swamp was present. Polly ATKINSON was received.

Feb 20, 1819---Motion to have conferences alternately at Rountree, Fellows and Hancock.

May 1822---Brethren MOYE and FORREST request dismission to form church at Rountree.

March 3, 1827---At the request of John ROUNTREE of Red Banks, the following were dismissed for the purpose of forming a church at Rountrees: James RINGGOLD, John RINGGOLD, Allen BLOUNT, Charles ROUNTREE, John VINCENT, Susannah ROUNTREE, Delitha HARRISON, Susannah STOCKS, Kitty POWELL, Elizabeth PARKER, Nancy ROGERS, Fereby PARKER, Rachel REEDE and Polly ATKINSON.

(WBK NOTE: Possibly for forming the Rountree Disciples of Christ Church.)

Minutes of HANCOCK Primitive Baptist Church concerning Crossroad's Church

Lill Jackson handwritten note stating information on following members dismissed to constitute church at Cross Roads. William MUMFORD, Reney MUMFORD, Gideon WEATHINGTON, Nancy WETHERINGTON, David CANNON, Mary CANNON, Stephen HARRIS, Mary HARRIS, Warren MCGLOHON, Elsie SMITH, Amanda PARSONS, Benjamin SMITH.

History of Cross Roads Church--Formed by members dismissed by Hancock Primitive Baptist Church. This was one of the shortest lived churches of which has been recorded. It was located about a mile from Hanrahan Cross Roads on the road toward Saint John's Church. It was organized July 1, 1871 with the following members who had been dismissed from Hancock's Church for this purpose. Members were: Gideon and Nancy WEATHINGTON, Stephen and Mary HARRIS, William and Sereny MUMFORD, David and Mary CANNON, Warren MCLAWHON,

Mandy PARKER, Lovey, Alcey and Pation SMITH. Barbara NELSON was received at first meeting. Noah ADAMS was moderator and Charles PARKERSON, clerk. Noah ADAMS was elected pastor. Gideon WEATHINGTON, deacon and William MUMFORD, treasurer. In 1873, Noah ADAMS was given the privilege of throwing up pastor's place. John A. WILLIAMS was elected in his place. In 187,5 the Old School or Primitive Baptist bought one half acre of land on the New Bern road from Jackson PITTMAN on which to build a church. After many ups and downs, dismissals and restoration and many changes of pastors, the church ceased operations about 1894. Charles E. PARKERSON was clerk throughout the entire existence of the church.

Members of Hancock Primitive Baptist Church April 30, 1852

Males

Abram Cox
Jerry Mclohon
John C. Cox
Fenner Nelson
Alfred Lane
Smith Harris
Wyatt Gardner
Guilford Cox
William Cannon
Joseph Cox
Louis Cox
Asa Gardner
George B. Ellis
Bryan Cox
Wm. H. Smith
George Turner
John Cannon
John Allen Kittrell
William Whitehead
William C. Whittington
Eleasar Ellis
Wesley Ormand
Jesse Griffin
William Winly

Females

Mary Worthington Mclohon
Elizabeth Cox
Sidney Stocks
Ally Cannon
Polly Hearte Cannon
Martha Ann Cox Harper
Sally Edwards
Elizabeth Whitehead
Lois Mclohon
Rebecca Harris
Mary Eliza Haddock
Elizabeth Edwards
Tempy Ann Harris Sewel
Elizabeth Gardner
Elizabeth Worthington
Mary Worthington
Susan E. Mclohon
Betsy Stocks
Penelope Ellis
Mahala Cox
Harriett Cox
Martha Ryall
Sarah Nelson
Jemima Haddock
Christiana Ormand
Louisa Haddock Cox
Amanda Cox
Margaret Harris Turner
Elizabeth Cox
Cealy Worthington
Mary Hearte Cannon
Jemima Harte
Patsy Ann Gardner Stocks
Sareny Gardner Mumford
Nicy Jolly
Nancy Ellis
Abby Hardy
Sally Adams
Sally Gardner
Nancy Cannon
Sidney Hardy
Lancy Smith
Elizabeth Atkinson
Sally Wilson

Colored Members

Males

Ben Cox
Daniel Cox
Richard Wilson
Henry Cox
Miles Cannon
Tony Wilson
Jo Worthington

Females

Lucy Worthington
Violet Hanrahan
Maria Hanrahan
Fillis Powell
Cealy Cox
Martha Cannon
Ann Smith
Harriet Wilson
Maria Cannon
Minerva Smith
Rachel Smith
Harriet Cox
Mary Ellis
Mary Cox
Elsey Cox
Peggy Cox

Zilphia Brooks
Mary Smith
Lydia Cox
Letis Smith
Flora Ellis

Members of Hancock Primitive Baptist Church August 1867

Males

Eleazar Ellis
Jerry Mclohon
John C. Cox
Wiatt Gardner
John Cannon
Lewis Cox
George Turner
Asa Gardner
George B. Ellis
Bryan Cox
William Cannon
Joseph Cox
Guilford Cox
William Winly

Females

Nancy Ellis
Sally Gardner
Susan Mclohon
Penelope Ellis
Mahaly Cox
Lois Mclohon
Mary Eliza Haddock
Elizabeth Cox
Rebecca Harris
Elizabeth Gardne r
Elizabeth Worthington
Cealy Worthington
Martha Ann Ellis Sutton
Fanny Cox
Patsy Ann Stocks
Nicy Jolly Adams
Louisa Deal
Sidney Hardy
Mary Worthington
Ally Cannon
Polly Cannon
Sarah Nelson
Jemima Haddock
Louisa Cox
Amanda Winly
Margaret Turner
Elizabeth Cox
Mary Mclohon
Jemima Harte
Susan Cox
Serena Mumford
Emily Nelson
Martha Jane Cox

Colored Members

Males

Benj Cox
Tony Wilson
Henry Cox
Robert Cannon
Richard Wilson

Females

Maria Cannon
Argent Cox
Martha Cannon
Elsy Cox
Peggy Cox
Lettis Smith
Flora Ellis
Eliza Cox
Minerva Smith
Mary Ellis
Mary Cox
Harriet Wilson
Zilphia Brooks
Mary Smith
Lydia Cox

NATHANIEL NOBLES DIVISION OF LAND, 1803

Found in Pitt County Deed Book T, Page 34. Transcribed and contributed by Charles N. Nobles.

In obedience to an order of Pitt County Court, November Term 1803, to us, the subscribers directed, requesting us to lay off and divide the estate of Nathaniel NOBLES, deceased, amongst his legal representatives and make of our proceedings to next court, we have accordingly divided and appropriated the lands in the following manner.

Lot No. 1 containing 45 3/4 acres valued at 12/6 per acre we have allotted and set apart to Sarah HARRIS, one of the heirs of the said deceased, beginning at a stake in the center of three pines the third one of the widows dower thence north forty degrees east to a black gum on the ?? the briery swamp Reading MOORE'S corner thence down the said swamp said MOORE's line to a gum said Moore's corner thence along Drury NOBLES to north thirty one degrees west to the center of three pines said Drury's corner thence along his other line north thirty two degrees east thirty ?? poles to a pine his other corner thence north twelve degrees east with Barnhill's line to a maple on the ?? of the briery swamp thence ?? the said swamp the run and winds thereof to a maple thence south thirteen and a half degrees west to the beginning.

Lot No. 2 containing 40 ½ acres valued at 12/6 per acre we have allotted and set apart to Drury NOBLES, one of the heirs of said deceased, beginning at a small post at John BOWER'S corner thence along his line south thirty degrees east sixty poles to a stake in the center of three pines the ?? corner of Lot No. 1 thence along a line of Lot No. 1 north thirty and half degrees east two hundred and eighteen poles to a maple on the run of the briery corner of Lot No. 1 thence down the said swamp to a stake on the run of said ?? thence south thirteen and a half degrees west to the beginning. Thewly CONGLETON to pay Drury Nobles Pounds 4-o 1/4.

Lot No. 3 containing ?? acres valued at 12/6 per acre we have allotted and set apart to Thewly CONGLETON, one of the heirs of said deceased, beginning at a gum and oak on the run of Grindall Creek the third corned of a patent granted Nathaniel NOBLES, deceased, then north north twenty four degrees east ?? poles to a water oak on the edge of the Creek Swamp the fourth corner of said patent then along John BOWER'S line north sixteen degrees east on the line of Lot No. 2 two hundred and sixty one poles to a stake on the run of briery swamp a corner of lot 2 thence down the said swamp the run and winds to a stake on the run of said swamp then south 11 degrees east to the beginning.

Lot No. 4 containing 43 ½ valued at 12/6 per acre we have allotted and set apart to Benjamin NOBLES, one of the heirs of said deceased beginning at a water oak and gum on the run of Grindall Creek third corner of a patent granted to the said deceased for ____ acres, also a corner of Lot No 3 thence along a ling of Lot No. 3 north 11 degrees east three hundred and fifty poles to a stake on the run of the Briery Swamp a corner of Lot No. 3 thence along a line of Lot No. 3 north eleven degrees east three hundred and fifty poles to a stake on the run of the briery swamp a corner of Lot No. 3 thence ?? the said swamp the run and winds thereof to a stake thence south ten and a half degrees west to a stake on the run of Grindall Creek twenty poles above the corner of Lot No. 3 thence down the said creek the run and winds thereof to the beginning. Benjamin NOBLES to pay Sarah HARRIS 13/5.3/4.

Lot No. 5 containing 41 3/4 acres valued at 12/6 per acre we have allotted and set apart to Lydia ROLLINS, one of the heirs of said deceased, beginning at a stake on the run of Grindall Creek a corner of Lot No. ? thence along that line north ten and a half degrees east to a stake on the briery swamp a corner of Lot No. 4 thence down the said swamp the run and winds thereof to a stake then south nine and a half degrees west three hundred and three poles to a stake on the East of Grindall Creek twenty poles above the Lot of No. 4 thence down said creek the run and winds thereof to the beginning. Lydia ROLLINS to pay Sarah HARRIS Pounds 9.4 1/4.

Lot No. 6 containing 43 1/4 acres valued at 12/6 per acre we have allotted and set apart unto Joshua NOBLES, one of the heirs of said deceased, beginning at a stake on the run of Grindall Creek the upper corner of Lot No. 5 thence along that line North nine and a half degrees east three hundred and three poles to a stake on the run of the briery swamp a corner of Lot No. 5, thence down the said swamp the run and winds thereof to a horn? beam? On the run of said swamp thence south eight degrees west to the run of Grindall Creek a water oak then down the run of the creek to the beginning.

Lot No. 7 containing 41 acres at thirteen per acre we have allotted and set apart to Susanna NOBLES, one of the heirs of the said deceased beginning at a water oak on the run of Grindall Creek a corner of Lot No. 6 thence along that line north eight degrees east two hundred and thirteen poles to a horn? beam? On the run of the briery swamp a corner of Lot No. 6 thence down the said swamp the run and winds thereof to a water oak on the run of said swamp thence south seven degrees west three hundred and six poles on the run of Grindall Creek thence down the run of said creek and winds thereof to the beginning. Susanna NOBLES to pay Elizabeth NOBLES Pounds 8.3/4.

Lot No. 8 containing 41 3/4 acres valued at thirteen shillings per acre we have allotted and set apart to Nathaniel NOBLES, one of the heirs of said deceased, beginning at a gum on the run of Grindall Creek, the upper corner of Lot No. 7 thence along that line north seven degrees east to a water oak on the run of the briery swamp a corner of lot No. 7 thence down the said swamp the run and winds thereof to a maple on the run of the said swamp thence south six and a half degrees west to the run of Grindall Creek a black gum thence down the run to the beginning.

Lot No. 9 containing 41 3/4 acres valued at 12/6 per acre we have allotted and set apart to Mary NOBLES, one of the heirs of the said deceased, beginning a t gum on the run of Grindall Creek a corner of Lot No. 2 thence along that line north six and a half degrees east two hundred and ninety poles to a maple on the run of the briery swamp a corner of Lot No. 2 thence down the said swam the run and winds thereof to a maple on the run of the said swamp thence south five degrees west to a cypress on the run of Grindall Creek thence down the run of the said creek to the beginning. Nathaniel NOBLES to pay Mary NOBLES 2/4 3/4. Nathaniel NOBLES to pay Elizabeth NOBLES 4/2.

Lot No. 10 containing 40 acre at 12/6 per acre we have allotted and set apart to Elizabeth NOBLES, one of the heirs of the said deceased, beginning at cypress on the run of Grindall Creek a corner of Lot No. 9 thence along that line north five degrees east two hundred and seventy six poles to a maple on the run of the briery swamp a corner of Lot No. 9 thence down the said swamp the run and winds thereof to a gum on the run of the said swamp thence south fourteen and a half degrees west to the run of the briery swamp sweet gum thence down the said swamp the run and winds thereof to the beginning.

Lot No. 11 containing 45 3/4 acres valued at 13 per acre we have allotted and set apart to Rebecca MOORE, one of the heirs of the said deceased, beginning at a sweet gum on the run of the briery swamp a corner of Lot No. ?? ?????? that line north fourteen and a half degrees east one hundred and seventy nine poles to a black gum on the fun of briery swamp a corner of Lot No. 10 then down the said swamp the run and winds thereof to the beginning. Rebecca MOORE to pay Shadrack NOBLES Pounds 1.10.3. Rebecca MOORE to pay Elizabeth NOBLES Pounds 1.0.1 1/4. Joshua NOBLES to pay Elizabeth NOBLES Pounds 5.3.3 1/4. Joshua NOBLES to pay Sarah HARRIS 15/2 ½.

Lot No. 12 containing 200 acres valued at 2/0 per acre we have allotted and set apart to Shadrack NOBLES, one of the heirs of the said deceased, beginning at a white oak Isaac HARRIS's corner thence along his line south eight two degrees east forty two poles to a stake said HARRIS'S corner thence a long his other line south sixty two degrees east sixty eight poles to a pine HARRIS'S corner then south thirty west ninety poles to a stake in the center of three pines then south forty three east forty four poles to a pine on the east of the Pocoson? Edward MOORE'S corner thence along his line south five east twenty one poles to a pine Edward MOORE'S corner thence along an agreed made between said Moore and Nobles to a black gum said Moore's corner thence along an agreed line between Benjamin NOBLES and Nathaniel NOBLES, deceased, down a drain to a water oak Jess BARNHILL'S corner thence along an

agreed line between the said Nobles and the said Barnhill to a ?? on the run of the briery swamp thence up the said swamp the run and winds thereof to the beginning.
Given under our hands this 17th day December 1803.
John BROOM
John FLEMING Wm. BROOM, Surveyor
Reading MOOR
Henry (his mark) MOORE

Pitt County Feby term 1804
the Commission appointed to divide the real estate of Nathaniel Nobles, deceased, amongst his legal representatives have returned this as there report to court which was ordered to be registered.
Richard EVANS for George EVANS, Clerk

OLD HANGINGS IN PITT COUNTY

Charlotte Daily Observer, Charlotte, NC, Aug. 20, 1915
Contributed by Roger Kammerer

HAS HANGED MORE THAN ONE

PITT COUNTY'S WOMEN WERE NEGROES, HOWEVER

(SPECIAL TO THE OBSERVER)

Greenville, N.C. Aug. 19.---- The sentence of Mrs. WARREN to the electric chair seems to have started the question of whether North Carolina ever hanged a woman.

Mr. L. W. LAWRENCE, a local octogenarian, was a witness of the hanging of Mary HANRAHAN in this county.

Watt (Walter) HANRAHAN was a very large planter and landowner and owned a very great number of slaves. To keep them at some work, he had a large piece of land near the present county home, known as "Hanrahan's Quarters" for the keeping of surplus slaves. or those for whom he had little to do. At that place they were employed clearing land, cultivating it and making support; if not money. The overseer was named GRIFFIN. He had occasion to whip one of Mary's children, a boy. This so enraged Mary that while the whipping was being administered, she picked up a large light wood knot and gave the overseer such a blow from behind on his head that he died. Mary was tried for the murder, convicted and with two negro men, was hanged here in Greenville. The site of the hanging was about where Fifth street crosses the ravine going to the training school.

About three miles east of this city, at the site of the old court house, on the south side of the road, only a few years ago was the body and remains of some of the larger limbs of a tree, which was said to have been used for hanging criminals before the Revolutionary War. And it is said a negro woman was hanged there for killing her master.

About the close of the Revolutionary War, a negro woman named Rose was publically burned at the court house for the murder of her mistress.

NATHANIEL NOBLES WILL, 1856

Found in Pitt County Will Book 2, p. 6; Pitt County Clerk's Office, Pitt County Court House, Greenville, NC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

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In the name of God. Amen.
I Nathaniel NOBLES of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt being of sound mind and memory blessed be God do this 7th day of February in the year of our Lord 1856 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to Say, First I commit my soul to him who gave it And my body to be decently buried
Second O lend my well beloved wife Margaret NOBLES During her life or widowhood apart of my land Beginning at a pine a corner of Jesse BARNHILL land and running a line of marked trees to the head of a ditch on the path, thence running said ditch to John M. BARNHILLS line to the run of Grindall Creek, thence down the run of said Creek to Carney's line thence with Carney's line to Arden MOORE'S line thence with said MOORE'S line to John F. WHICHARD'S line, thence with said WHICHARD'S line to the beginning and at the death or marriage of my wife I give the said land that I have lent to my wife to my son Joseph J. NOBLES his heirs and assigns forever.
And all the residue of my land I give and bequeath to my son Simon E NOBLES at my death which is said to be one hundred acres. I also lend all my negroes to my wife her life or widowhood and at her death or marriage I give the said negroes to be equally divided between all my living daughters and Martha Francis SUTTON to have and equal share with any of my daughters I want the court to appoint five men to divide the said negroes I also lend to my wife her life or widowhood all of my house hold and kitchen furniture and farming utentials her natural life and at her death or marriage to be equally divided between my two sons And the household and kitchen furniture after giving all my children a bed and Stead and necessary furniture which I have not given one and my Grand daughter Martha Francis SUTTON I give a bed and Stead and furniture also and at the death or marriage of my wife all the rest of my furniture to be Sold and divided between all my children and Martha F SUTTON. I also give to my son Joseph J NOBLES a horse bridle and saddle, and after giving all my children a cow and calf that I have not given any
I lend the balance of my Stock of Cattle hogs and sheep to my wife her life or widowhood and at her death or marriage I leave to be sold and equally divided between all my children and Martha F SUTTON to have one share and all my corn, pork, fodder and wheat and cotton Peas, and flax that is on hand at my death and Potatoes and all other eatables I give to my wife Margaret NOBLES I also lend to my wife her natural life my handmill and at her death or marriage I give the said mill to my son Simon E NOBLES his heirs and assigns forever. Also I lend my Grindstone my wife her life or widowhood and at her death to be sold and equally divided between all my children and all the residue of my property that I have not mentioned in my will I leave to be equally divided between all my children
And I hereby make and constitute my two sons Simon E. NOBLES and Joseph J NOBLES Executors of this my last will And testament in testimony whereof I the said Nathaniel NOBLES have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written
Signed, Sealed and acknowledged Nathaniel (his mark) NOBLES {Seal}
in the presence of us
Arden MOORE
Jesse BARNHILL

State of North Carolina Pitt County} In the Probate Court
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Nathaniel NOBLES late of this County, was this 19th day of November 1868 exhibited before me Calvin COX Judge of Probate for said County by Simon E NOBLES and Joseph J. NOBLES the Executers therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Nathaniel NOBLES duly proved by the oath and examination of Jesse BARNHILL one of the subscribing witnesses therunto.

PITT COUNTY COURT MINUTES, 1864

The following are selected items taken from the minutes of Pitt County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for August–November 1864, found on microfilm in the NC Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

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[August 1864]
Court met according to adjournment
Present L. P. BEARDSLEY, H. S. CLARK, J. J. CHERRY

Ordered the Clerk of Court inspect the tax list wherein the taxes charged against Penelope BRAXTON and charged the same to Penelope HERRINGTON, being no such person as Penelope BRAXTON & the said Penelope HERRINGTON be released from the payment of a double tax. [p.276]

It appearing to the Court that one R. T. MAY is charged with a tax for the year 1863 $19.00 & that there & is not any such person in the County & it also appearing that the Collector has paid over the said Taxes to the County Trustee & Comptroller. It is ordered that the money paid to the County Trustee be refunded and the balance of the said Tax be allowed as insolvent.

On motion it is ordered by the Court that E. J. WARREN? be excused from the payment of a County Tax charged against him for the year 1864 it appearing he is not a resident of the County.

It appearing tom the Court that Hannah BRAXTON be permitted to correct her Tax list by striking out a Town Lot valued at $1,000. [p.276]

_____first that Mrs. SCHULTZ be permitted to list her Taxes in the year 1864 7 be relieved from a double tax.

It appearing to the Court that James C. ALBRITTON one of the Military ____ for Pitt County has died since his appointment. It is ordered by the Court that Th. C____y? be appointed in his place.

Ordered by the Court that Ivey BEDARD Admr of Arch BEDARD be allowed to list his Taxables and be exempted from double Tax. [p.277]

On motion it is ordered by the Court that Administration be granted to W. H. BURNETTE upon the estate of Wm. BLANDIFORD decd. upon his entering into bond in the sum of $5,000 with Benj TYSON & Huel HEMBY as sureties bond given and Admrs. qualified according to law.

Ordered by the Court that F. B. SATTERTHWAITE, Wm. N. NELSON and James GALLOWAY be appointed Commissioners to contract for and have the bridge across Chicod Creek rebuilt at the expense of the County on the best terms. [p.278]

August 6th 1864
Court met according to adjournment
Present Henry S. CLARK, W M NELSON, David FLEMING

Ordered by the Court that Purnell PATRICK & John C. BOYD be appointed Bridge commissioners for the Greenville District to act with B. G. ALBRITTON. [p. 279]

On motion to Court it is ordered that Administration upon the estate of J. C. ALBRITTON decd. be granted to J. B. CHERRY in his entering into bond in the sum of $100,000 with B. G. ALBRITTON & Ruffin WARD as sureties bond given and administration Qualified according to law.

Alley KING et all vs. John KING exrs.] County Court August Term 1864
(WHOLE CASE CROSSED OUT) decreed by the Court that the petitioners Alley KING recover from the Executor John KING the sum of $8,741.76 2/3; that Wm. J. LAUGHINGHOUSE & wife Ann recover of the Deft. $8,741.76 2/3; that J. K. BULLOCK & wife Emily recover $8,741.76 2/3. That there is in the hands of said John KING the sum of $8,741.76 2/3 due to Jesse TAYLOR & wife Betsey; that there is in the hands of said John KING the sum of $8,741.76 2/3 due to Samuel VINES; that there is due to Abraham JOYNER & wife Alley the sum of $8,741.76 2/3; that there is due to W. R. HORNE $2,913.92; that there is due to Benjamin DEBOSE & wife Sarah the sum of $2,913.92; that there is due to Samuel HORNE the sum of $2,913.92, who represent their deceased mother Polly HORNE; that there is due to James T. WILLIAMS as Guardian to James T. WILLIAMS, Jr., Ann E. WILLIAMS, Clara Jane & Nancy E. WILLIAMS the sum of $5, 827.84; that there is due to Samuel WILLIAMS the sum of $1,456.96; that there is due to Sherrod TYSON & wife Emily the sum of $1,456.96. And it appearing to the Court that the principal amount of the fund in the hands of the defendant KING is in Confederate Treasury Notes. It is ordered that the several sums due from him to the parties be paid in notes or bonds or in Confederate Treasury Notes and it is ordered and adjudged that execution issue against him in favor of the several parties according to this decree, the Clerk is allowed $100 for stating the account one half of which is to be paid by the Defendant KING and the other half by the other parties. And it is further ordered that this decree be enrolled. [p. 280]

Be it remembered that in Special Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions began and held for the County of PITT at the Court House in Greenville on the 23rd day of August 1864
Present} David LAURENCE, Jas. L. PAUL, Henry S. CLARK

On motion it is ordered by the Court that Samuel BROWN be appointed Special Admr on the Estate of James B. WARD decd. in hid giving bond in the sum of $5,000 with Theophilus BARNHILL & Easton JAMES as sureties, further ordered that he be authorized to sell all perishable property except the growing crop. [p. 284]

Jas. L. PAUL J.P.
Henry S. CLARK J.P.
David LAURENCE J.P.

Be It Remembered that a Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions began and held for the County of Pitt at the Court House in Greenville on the 1st Monday in November AD 1864
Present} **L. P. BEARDSLEY, C. CANNON, J. L. PAUL, Wm. N. NELSON**

It appearing to the Court that there is no Constable for Greenville District and it was considered that one was necessary, J. J. PERKINS was then appointed who gave bond as required by law with William WHITEHEAD and F. B. SATTERTHWAITE as sureties which bond was accepted by the Court and the said J. J. PERKINS was qualified.

On motion of Court B. W. BROWN Admr. with the Will annexed on the estate of Jno. S. BROWN decd. was allowed until next Feby term to make his returns. [p. 287]

On motion & proof of the Justices of the Court was ordered by the Court that the County Trustee pay the cost in several cases decided at the last Superior Court wherein J. J. CHERRY was plantiff against sundry persons upon warrants for refusing to serve as patrol.

Sarah C. FLEMING Exctrix of James L. FLEMING decd. returns her inventory of said estate on oath.

Samuel BROWN Special Admr. of James R. WARD decd. returns his inventory of said Estate on oath.

On motion to Court it was ordered that D. H. CHERRY be appointed admr. on the Estate of Albert S. CHERRY decd. on his giving bond in the sum of $4,000 with B. G. ALBRITTON & Charles H. JOHNSTON as sureties, bond given and Admr. qualified.

Ordered by the Court that D. H. CHERRY be appointed Guardian for Pauline & Louisa CHERRY on his giving bond in the sum of $8,000 with Charles H. JOHNSTON & B. G. ALBRITTON as sureties, bond given & accepted by the Court. [p. 288]

On motion to Court Mary E. EASTON widow of John S. EASTON was appointed Admintrx on the estate of her deceased husband upon giving bond in the sum of $10,000 with Elizabeth DUPREE & Henry WILKS as sureties, bond given Admx duly qualified.

Ordered by the Court that administration on the Estate of James R. WARD decd. be granted to Samuel BROWN upon his giving bond in the sum of $2,000 with Theo. BARNHILL & M.C. S. CHERRY as sureties, bond given & Admr. duly qualified according to law..

Court met according to adjournment} L. P. BEARDSLEY, C. CANNON, Jas. L. PAUL, Esqrs.

The last Will & Testament of Benjamin F. HAZELTON decd. was exhibited in open Court for probate by Priscilla WILLIAMS the executrix therein named & it was proved by oaths of Martha A. MILLER & S. D. BARRINGTON that the said paper writing was found among the valuable papers & effects of the deceased after his death and it is further proved by the oath & examination of Jesse NOBLES, Spencer BROOKS, B. G. ALBRITTON & Joel PATRICK; that the said Phila WILLIAMS is duly qualified, giving bond in the sum of $100,000 with Elias J. BLOUNT & Edward PATRICK as sureties. [p. 289]

On motion to Court it is ordered that Jas. J. PERKINS admr. of Elizabeth PERKINS decd. be allowed to list one house & lot in Greenville & be relieved from double Tax so far as the County Tax is concerned.

On motion to Court it is ordered that Dr. J. H. JENKINS as agent of Kinchen CLARK be allowed to list his taxes & he be relieved from a double tax.

On motion it is ordered by the Court that administration on the Estate of Richard RANDOLPH decd. be granted to Mary A. RANDOLPH on her giving bond in the sum of $10,000 with Charles H. JOHNSTON & Henrietta RANDOLPH as sureties, bond given Admx qualified.

Mary A. ANDERSON admx of L. R. ANDERSON decd. returns her notice to creditors.

Martha M QUIN admx of Calvin D. QUIN decd. returns her notice to creditors. [p. 289]

On motion to Court & it appears that Purnell PATRICK is erroniously charged Taxes on $4,500 in State Bonds he giving in no such tax, it is ordered by the Court that his County Taxes on said amount be remitted.

County Court Nov Term 1864} Upon motion and satisfactory evidence having given that Mrs. V. ATKINSON had given in all her slaves for taxation in the County of Pitt where she resides and it appears she had several slaves at work in a farm in Franklin County and that she has been compelled to pay the sum of $6,025.90 in said County of Franklin which is unjust [smeared] this Certificate that the same money be used by her in such way as be deemed best to recover back said sum [p. 290]

On motion to Court and the widow HILL having filed a relinquishment it was ordered by the Court that Jep HART be appointed admr. in the estate of Richard HILL decd. on giving bond in the sum of $4,000 with James S. WILLIAMS and Jerry MCGLAWHORN as sureties, bond given and admr. qualified in open Court. [p.290]

Bynum TEEL Admr. of James A. BRILEY decd. returns an inventory & account of sales of said estate on oath.

____Lydia GRAY admx of Jos. J. GRAY decd. returns her inventory & account of sales of said estate on oath also her notice to creditors.

W. J. EVANS Guardian returns his account current with A. A. FORBES up to Nov Term 1864.

Ordered by the Court that Henry SHEPPARD be appointed admr. on the Estate of W. W. COBB decd. Sally COBB his widow having relinquished her right to administer he having gave bond in the sum of $7,000 with Abram JOYNER & Huell HEMBY as sureties, bond given & admr. qualified.

Upon motion It is ordered by the Court that administration be granted B. F. TUCKER upon the Estate of Elias SERMONS decd. on his entering into bond in the Sum of $20,000 with Joseph RINGGOLD & Wm. D. TUCKER as sureties. Bond given & administrator qualified according to Law. [p. 291]

Wm. J. EVANS admr. of Martha FORBES decd. returns his notice to creditors.

W. H. BURNETT admr. of Wm. VANDIFORD decd. returns an inventory & notice to creditors on said Estate.

North Carolina Pitt County} November Session 1864
Deed from E. Gray LEGGETT and wife Louisa to Benjamin S. ATKINSON and Franklin ATKINSON produced in open Court; Louisa examined and said she signed it of her own free will. [p. 291]

North Carolina Pitt County} November Term 1864
The bond of William FLANEKIN Sheriff with Caleb SPIVEY, Sherrod BELCHER & Calvin JOYNER as sureties Exhibited in open Court and the due execution thereof duly proved by the oath & examination of W. B. CHERRY the attesting witness thereto. And therefore the Court doth declare that the said Bond sufficient that it is duly executed and ordered to be recorded in the Registers Office of Pitt County & filed with the County Court Clerk.

One Third of the Justices being present

Ordered by the Court that the Wardens of the Poor at their descretion continue to assist the Poor of the County out side the Poor House. [p. 292]

Ordered by the Court that a committee of five be appointed by the Chairman whose duty it shall be to investigate and make out a full report with Amos EVANS County Commissary & report to the next term of this Court Whereupon Willis R. WILLIAMS, Chrm., G. W. JOHNSON, W. S. HANRAHAN, Edward HOELL & Willie BROWN were appointed.

Ordered by the Court that the Tax Collector be restricted to receive the old issue of Confederate Treasury notes until the 30th day of this month & no longer. It is further ordered that all County officers holding the old issue on ____ of the County be instructed to deliver this issue to John S. SMITH & take his receipt. He ordered that he may exchange it for the new issue. [p. 292]

It is further ordered by the Court that W. H. PERKINS Tax Collector pay over to W. G. LANG $3,000 in old issue for the purpose of purchasing Cards. If said LANG Card agent fails to be able to use this amount out of old issue he is to return it to the said Tax Collector by the 30th day of this month.

Court met according to adjournment
Present C CANNON W M NELSON, Jas. L. PAUL, Esqrs.

Benjamin W. BROWN exctr. of James A. TEEL decd. returns his inventory and account of sales of said Estate also his notice to creditors.

Samuel MOORE admr. of James A. MOORE decd. returns his inventory of said Estate also his notice to creditors.

Wm. H. DELANY Admn. of W. B. EBORN decd. returns his account of hiring of negroes belonging to said estate on oath.

Upon motion It is ordered by the Court that Jos. J. PERKINS be appointed Guardian to the minor heirs of William L. PERKINS decd. upon he entering into bond in the sum of $60,000 with William WHITEHEAD & Hughey SUTTON as his sureties. Bond given & accepted by the Court.

Seven Justices on the bench and it appearing that there is no constable for the District of Greenville Blount C. PEARCE is appointed Constable for one year fot the Greenville District on giving bond as required by law with J. J. PERKINS and William WHITEHEAD as sureties. Bond given and accepted and said PEARCE duly qualified in open Court.

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Nov. Term 1864
The Will of Johnson NOBLES decd. was exhibited and offered for probate in open Court by Jos. John DANCY the executor therein named and proved by the oath of Robert HARRIS one of the subscribing witnesses. Jos. John DANCY is duly qualified as executor of said Will on giving bond in the sum of $20,000 with James B. CHERRY, William WHITEHEAD and Geo. A. DANCY as sureties. [p. 294]

W. R. WILLIAMS Admr. of Abram JOYNER decd. returns his inventory of said Estate on oath.

Ordered by the Court that Lewis GALLOWAY be appointed Guardian to Elizabeth CARROLL, Southy CARROLL, -----Lewis F. CARROLL decd. on his giving bond in the sum of $500 with Wm. N. NELSON and F. B. SATTERTHWAITE as sureties. Bond given and accepted by the Court. [p. 294]

Ordered by the Court that B. F. TUCKER be allowed as agent of Clary TUCKER to list her taxes and be relieved from a double Tax.

Calvin Mills Sugar Cane, 1894

Eastern Reflector, Greenville, NC, Wed., Dec. 5, 1894

On Monday Mr. Calvin MILLS, one of the best farmers of Chicod township, brought the REFLECTOR a large stalk of West Indies sugar cane and also a package of sugar made out of some of this cane. Mr. MILLS obtain a seeding of the cane three years ago and has since been cultivating a small crop of it each year. He says that taking his yield as an estimate one acre in this cane will produce 572 gallons of syrup, three-fourths of which can be converted into sugar. We were surprised to see that such excellent sugar could be made right here in Pitt county. With such good results made by Mr. MILLS, we think if all our farmers would put in a small crop of this cane they would find it to pay a long ways better than cotton.

Nehemiah Taylor Land Partition, 1866

Found in Nehemiah Taylor 1859 Estate, Pitt County Estates, CR 079.508.64; NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

North Carolina Pitt County} In Equity.

To the Honorable Judge of Said Court. Humbly Complaining Sheweth to your Honour your Petitioners Nancy TAYLOR, Serina TAYLOR, Amariah TAYLOR, Clayton H. TAYLOR, William BRYANT and wife Luvisa, Albert MOORE and wife Elizabeth, Robert PARKER and wife Miranda, William BRILEY & wife Ethalinda, C. H. TAYLOR in right of Leroy M. WHITEHURST, Henry MARTIN & wife Piety, Marcellus BRILEY & wife Felicia, Benjamin N. WHITEHURST, Alafair TAYLOR, Mary Ann TAYLOR and Louisa WHITEHURST that – John TAYLOR late of this county departed this life on or about ____day of ____1825 leaving a last will and testament dated July 23 1825 which was duly admitted to probate at August Term 1825 of the County Court of this County. Among other divises and bequests he devises as follows. "Item the balance of my land including my home plantation and the land reserved, out of the tract that I gived John TAYLOR and Amariah TAYLOR a hundred acres, to remain in the peaceable and quiet possession of my wife Allafair TAYLOR and my five daughters, to wit, Rebecca, Delitha, Milly Allafair and Leisr and my son Nehemiah TAYLOR for a home for them to live and make Support on and after the death of my wife I want the land to remain in the peaseable and quiet possession of my son Nehemiah and my five daughters just mentioned so long as any of them live single but if any of my daughters marry I want their right to the land to cease."----------"Item at the death of my wife and death or marriage of my last daughter I then give all the land that I have for the use and support of my wife and family reserved and not already given away unto my son Nehemiah TAYLOR to him and his heirs forever." Your Petitioners Sheweth that the said wife of the Testator and the said five daughters are now dead and that the said Nehemiah TAYLOR is also dead without issue and intestate he having died before the death or marriage of the last daughter. That the said home plantation contains one hundred acres of land and the "land reserved out of the tract that ___? Testator gave John TAYLOR and Amariah TAYLOR a hundred acres" devised in fee simple to Nehemiah TAYLOR after the death of his wife and five daughters, containing fifty acres; each tract adjoining the other and the lands of Joseph S STATON, Robert PARKER and others and situate in Grindell Creek in the County aforesaid. That an actual partition cannot be made of said lands without injury to some one or all of the parties interested. That your Petitioners and the defendants herein after so named are tenants in common of said land in the following proportions, to wit, to your Petrs. Nancy, Serina, Amariah, Clayton, Alafair, Mary Anne TAYLOR, Lavica BRYAN, Eliz. MOORE, Miranda PARKER, Ethalinda BRILEY, Piety MARTIN, Felicia BRILEY, Benj. N. WHITEHURST and the said Clayton in right of Leroy WHITEHURST, and Louisa WHITEHURST each one seventeenth (1/17) part and Pleasant H. TAYLOR and John A. TAYLOR and Ann Miranda HEATH wife of Benj. HEATH defendants each one seventeenth (1/17) part, equally, share and share alike.------

That said will with the record of the probate thereof was destroyed by fire at the burning of the Court House of Pitt County in the year 1858---- That the substance of said will is truly set forth and the paper herewith filed as a copy is a true and correct copy of said will taken from the record of the original before burning and destruction thereof----In consideration whereof To the end that your Honour may order and decree a sale of the Said lands in such way and upon such terms as may be deemed just and reasonable and that a Copy of this petition with Subpoena may be served upon the said defendants Pleasant H. TAYLOR, John A. TAYLOR and Benjamin HEATH & wife Ann Miranda or in case they or any of them are non residents of the State that publication may be made for them according to law to compel them to appear at the next term of this Court and upon their several and respective Corporal oaths full, true, direct and perfect answer make to all and singular the premises and that they stand to perform and abide by any further order direction or decree of this Honourable Court that to your Honour may seem fit. And your Petrs as in duty will ever pray re. Edward W. YELLOWLEY Srle for Petrs

Sale of Dr. John S. Taft's Estate, 1878

The following was found in Pitt County Estates, CR 079.508.64; NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Acct of Sales of the Personal Property of the Estate of J. S. TAFT, sold for cash on the 4th June 1878

Lot Harness	J. C. Tripp	.75
Saddle	C. Danson	1.60
Plow Harness	" " " "	1.55
Harness, Brush & e	" " " "	.55
Lines & e	J. C. Cobb	.40
Plow	C. B. Tripp	.55
Garden Plow	J. B. Johnson	.50
Hoes, Stove & e	B. J. Wilson	1.45
Shovels	C. Danson	1.65
Plow Handles	C. B. Tripp	.05
Tuning Plows	Harry Skinner	.95
Fork & old iron	C. B. Tripp	.16
Carriage Tongs	R. Caesar	.20
Cotton Plow	H. W. Brown	1.50
Old Barrels	Widow	.05
Stove & Cooking Ut	" " " "	2.00
Asles	T. R. Cherry	.25
Clothes Line	Widow	.05
Cart	Wm Whitehead	9.00
Cart & 2 Lodies	F. J. Johnson	7.75
Cont Harness room	David Barber	.05
Pigs	Wm Whitehead	3.20
Sow	T. R. Cherry	5.05
6 Head of Cattle	G. E. Taft	21.00
Cow	Wm Whitehead	.50
Lot Chairs & Stools	Robt Greene	.85
S. Machine	T. R. Cherry	.95
Pr. Judia Boots	W. B. Jarvis	1.10
Baby Carriage	C. B. Tripp	2.25
Medical Book	M. G. Ernul	1.15
" " " " "	Schweitzer	1.00
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Douglass Dict	M. G. Ernul	.75
Chemistry	H. Skinner	.05
Lot Books	C. A. Swindell	.60
Iron Bedstead & Mat	E. G. Leggett	1.80
Bullion Caesar	Rev. Carrick	.10
2 Rocking Chairs	Luke Smith	.40
1 Cupping Mch	C. A. Swindell	.50
1 ′ ′ ′ ′ ′	J. P. Brown	.40

Eye Spectrum	M. G. Ernul	.25
Hydro Syringe	J. P. Brown	1.10
One Box Dent Tools	Mc G. Ernul	2.45
Battery	C. A. Swindell	1.25
Pocket Case	J. P. Brown	2.50
Forceps	Mc G. Ernul	.50
Box Instruments	J. P. Brown	.35
Bed & Bedstead & Mat	C. Patrick	18.00
1 Wardrobe	Widow	1.00
Book Case	H. Skinner	.30
Carpet	Widow	.01
Water Bucket	" " "	.05
Parlor Chairs	" " "	.50
Sofa	" " "	.50
Carpet	" " "	1.00
1 Case of ORST.	J. P. Brown	.50
Pocket Flask	W. B. Jarvis	.30
Draft Book	John Flanagan	.15
Lathestor	C. A. Swindell	.05
Quairtet	Widow	.10
Gun	Mc G. Ernul	5.75
Window Shades	Widow	.10
Sewing Machine	" " " "	1.00
Furniture	" " " "	1.00
Ward robe & Cont	" " " "	.05
Blowing Horn	W Len	.75
Medical Chest	Widow	.75
Dining Room Furniture	" " " "	.10
Table & Crokery	" " " "	.50
Safe & Conts	" " " "	1.00
		113.46
Dining R. Chairs	Widow	.50
		113.96

B. W. Brown Admint J. S. Taft
Sworn to before me H Sheppard Clk Sept 6 1878

JOSHUA LOVICK, MURDERER, 1868

Tarboro Southerner, Tarboro, NC, Dec. 3, 1868

At the late Superior Court for Greene County, Joshua LOVICK, white, was convicted of the murder of Miss Lucy BROWN, an old lady of that county. The murder was committed about one year ago. The prisoner's counsel asked an appeal to the Supreme Court, but it was not granted, and he was sentenced to be hanged on the 18th instant.

WILSON COUNTY DEATH CERTIFICATES

The following are selected death certificates found in the Edgecombe County Court House, Tarboro, NC. Obviously not all information is given, but these are meant as leads to find names.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Mrs. Fannie FORBES, b. 1843 in Pitt Co., d. Jan. 3, 1913 in Wilson, NC
F: James GAY, b. NC
M: Susan MOBLEY, b. NC

Benjamin F. WOOTEN, age 63, b. Pitt Co., d. Mar. 10, 1913 being shot; was a night watchman
F: George W. WOOTEN, b. Pitt Co.
M: Julia GAY, b. Edgecombe Co., NC

Mrs. Jane THIGPEN, b. Feb. 11, 1832 in Wilson Co., d. Oct. 10, 1913 at Saratoga.
F: Ed GAY, b. NC
M: Lizzie Bell ALLEN, b. Pitt County

C. C. WINDHAM, age 27, b. Pitt Co., d. Feb. 21, 1914 accidently electrocuted; worked as telephone lineman
F: B. F. WINDHAM, b. NC
M: Sallie TAYLOR, b. NC

J. H. GARRIS, b. Aug. 13, 1844 in Greene Co., d. Mar. 17, 1914 in Wilson, NC
F: Blount GARRIS, b. Greene County
M: Fedora OWENS, b. Greene County

W. H. SMITH, b. July 26, 1854 in Pitt Co., d. Mar. 21, 1914; buried in Wilson, NC.
F: William SMITH, b. NC
M: Sallie _____, b. NC

C. J. JONES, age abt. 80, b. Pitt Co., d. May 11, 1914
F: Eli JONES, b. NC
M: Polly WOOD, b. NC

Mrs. Alice HARVEY HERRING, b. May 11, 1858 in Greene Co., d. July 26, 1914 in Wilson, NC
F: Dr. John HARVEY, b. Craven Co., NC
M: Allice SANDERS, b. Pitt County

Mrs. Eliza LANGLEY, age 67, b. Pitt Co., d. Nov. 1, 1914 in Saratoga twsp.; from bladder cancer
F: W. J. LANGLEY, b. NC
M: Penny CRISP, b. NC

R. B. BYNUM, b. 1859 in Pitt Co., d. Jan. 12, 1915 in Wilson, NC; educated at Oxford College; buried Farmville
F: Dr. J. N. BYNUM, b. NC
M: Mary A. BARRETT, b. NC

Mrs. Annie OAKLEY (m. June OAKLEY) b. 1893 in Pitt Co., d. Mar. 22, 1915 in Wilson, NC
F: John H. MOORE, b. Pitt County
M: Emma CASE, b. Pitt County

Mrs. Sallie DILDA, b. Feb. 8, 1847 in Wilson Co., d. Mar. 12, 1915 in Saratoga twsp.
F: John OWENS, b. Wilson County
M: Pollie DILDY, b. Pitt County

Miss William MAY, b. 1853 in Greene Co., d. Apr. 4, 1915 in Saratoga twsp.
F: Kinthen MAY
M: Absely BEAMAN

Thomas C. DAVIS, b. Aug. 4, 1830 in New Bern, NC, d. May 20, 1915 in Wilson, NC
F: James DAVIS, b. NC
M: Mary MERSHON, b. NC

Thelma GOODRICH, b. 1907 in Pitt Co., d. June 4, 1915 from ruptured appendix; buried Greenville, NC
F: T. E. GOODRICH, b. Sampson Co., NC
M: Mollie MOYE, b. NC

Thomas E. PAGE, b. Aug. 1831 in NC, d. June 26, 1915 in Wilson Co., NC
F: Eason PAGE, b. NC
M: Pollie FLEMING, b. NC

Charles W. PROCTOR, b. Apr. 7, 1915 in Crossroads twsp., Wilson Co., d. June 18, 1915
F: Charles T. PROCTOR, b. Pitt County
M: Rosa LANGSTON, b. Wilson County

Richard GARRIS, b. Oct. 28, 1893 in Wilson Co., d. Sept. 15, 1915 of consumption; buried Nashville, NC
F: Silla GARRIS, b. Pitt County
M: Cellie NOBLES, b. Pitt County

W. G. PEOPLES, age 55, b. Pitt Co., d. Oct. 14, 1915 in Wilson Co., NC; a carpenter
F: William PEOPLES, b. NC
M: Susan MOYE/MAYE?, b. NC

J. H. MOORE, age 46, b. Pitt Co., d. Nov. 24, 1915 in Wilson Co., NC
F: J. H. H. MOORE, b. NC
M: Mary E. SMITH, b. NC

W. J. SPEIGHT, b. Nov. 29, 1850 in Greene Co., d. Dec. 2, 1915 in Saratoga twsp.
F: H. G. SPEIGHT, b. NC
M: Liddie E. MOORE, b. NC

Bruce MOSLEY, age 26, b. Pitt Co., d. Feb. 24, 1916 in Wilson Co., NC
F: John MOSLEY, b. NC
M: Lucindy MCKEEL, b. NC

Mrs. Mary L. REASON, b. 1845 in Pitt Co., d. Feb. 23, 1916 in Gardners twsp., Wilson Co., NC
F: William WALL?
M: ? ? ?
INFORMANT: H. W. REASON, Fountain, NC

Kinchin Mac OWENS, b. Mar. 6, 1870 in Pitt Co., d. Mar. 4, 1916 in Gardners twsp., Wilson Co., NC; from TB
F: James C. OWENS, b. Pitt County
M: Barbara WOOTEN, b. Pitt County

Mrs. Mary RODGERS (m. R. A. RODGERS) age abt. 62, b. NC, d. May 29, 1916 Saratoga twsp.
F: Jimmie JOHNSTON, b. NC
M: Trizina STANCIL, b. NC

W. Henry TYSON, age 49, b. Greenville, NC, d. July 3, 1916 in Wilson, NC; dry goods salesman
F: S. V. TYSON, b. NC
M: Dicy JOHNSON, b. NC
INFORMANT: J. W. TYSON, Bennettsville, SC.

Mrs. W. A. GILL, age 60, b. Greene Co., d. Nov. 28, 1916 in Wilson, NC
F: Adam ROGERS, b. NC
M: Eliza SPEIGHT, b. NC

Mrs. John W. GARDNER, age 54, b. Pitt Co., d. Dec. 25, 1916
F: William PEEPLES, b. Pitt County
M: Sallie H. PARKER, b. Pitt County

H. A. MAYO, b. July 10, 1890 in Wilson Co., d. Jan. 6, 1917 in Wilson Co.; merchant
F: Ed B. MAYO, b. Wilson Co., NC
M: Maggie H. JACKSON, b. Pitt County.

Prudence HINES, age 73, b. Pitt Co., d. Mar. 29, 1917 in Wilson, NC
F: Peter E. HINES, b. Edgecombe County
M: Marietta MAY, b. Pitt County

Thomas E. LITTLE, age 78, b. NC, d. Apr. 18, 1917; buried at Bell Arthur, NC
Parents??
INFORMANT: E. B. MAYO, Wilson, NC

Mrs. Lula NORRIS BARNES, b. Nov. 24, 1870 in Edgecombe Co., d. Sept. 6, 1917 at Elm City, NC
F: Jessie NORRIS, b. Pitt County
M: Lanie BRASWELL, b. Edgecombe County

Mrs. Gidida RODGERS (m. Isaac RODGERS) age abt. 55, b. NC, d. Oct. 12, 1917
F: Tom CRAFT, b. NC
M: Rachel _____?, b. NC

Edward Oscar MCGOWAN, b. Sept. 19, 1850 in Hookerton, NC, d. Dec. 29, 1917 in Elm City, NC
F: James William MCGOWAN, b. Greene County
M: Nancy HARPER, b. Greene County, NC

Beddard Family Marriages

From the marriage index located in the Register of Deeds Office, Pitt County Courthouse, Greenville, NC. This collection lists all the white entries through 1900. Transcribed and contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

Key to Format:

Groom (age) Groom's Father & Mother
Bride (age) Bride's Father & Mother
Date of marriage. Township. Performing official.
Witnesses

Beddard, Arby (25) Ivey Beddard & Sallie A.
Anderson, Addie (19) Geo. Ñ [sic] and Elizabeth
Nov. 1, 1893. G;v. Fred McLawhorn
W. G. Stokes, W. P. Clark

Beddard, Archbld. (40) Ivy Beddard & ng
Stocks, Elizabeth (25) J. S. Stocks & ng
Dec. 17, 1895. Chicod. J. S. Corbitt
W. H. Laughinghouse, J. H. Williams, W. Edwards

Beddard, H. C. (45) Oliver Beddard & Betsy
Moye, Frankie (46) ng & Polly Jones
Mar. 26, 1896. Contentnea. E. D. Beaten or Braten?
Woodie McLohon

Bedard, Henry (22) Oliver Bedard & Elizabeth
Jackson, Zilphia (21) Allen Jackson & Susan
May 5, 1875. Contentnea. J. R. Forbes, JP
W. F. Evans, Edward C. Carman, Hardy Johnson

Beddard, Ivy F. (39) Ivy Beddard & Sallie
Williams, Zenobia L. (23) Ap. Williams & A.
Dec. 30, 1898. Contentnea. J. S. Corbitt, MG
David Stocks, W. J. Branch, E. E. Smith

Beddard, James R. (25) Archabald Beddard & Bettie
Edwards, Nancy L. (20) Abner Edwards & Sally J.
Jan. 21, 1883. Chicod. J. A. K. Tucker, JP
J. E. S. Adams, J. R. Edwards, W. B. Edwards

Beddard, John D. (26) Archibald Beddard & Elizabeth
Brooks, Sarah Ann (26) Edwin Brooks & Patsey
Jan. 6, 1880. Greenville twsp. Thos. Carrick, Min.
N. B. Anderson, H. E. Nelson, T. R. Moore

Beddard, John R. (20) Evey Beddard & Sarah A.
Williams, Lazina (20) Joel Williams & Harriet
Dec. 15, 1881. Chicod. John A. Williams, Min. P.B.
James J. Hardee, Ivey Beddard, Archabald Beddard

Beddard, Marcellus (34) Oliver Beddard & Bettie
Garris, Susan (22) Assa Garris & Ann L.
Feb. 23, 1891. Contentnea. Fred McLawhon
W. B. Stocks, W. J. Tripp

Beddard, Moses ng
Smith, Martha Joab Smith & Polly
Sept. 20, 1868. Griffin's Dist. T. N. Manning, Min.

Beddard, N. H. (28) ng
Campbell, Ella (17) J. H. Campbell & Mary
Feb. 12, 1896. Chicod. Stephen Williams, JP
J. A. Mills, D. C. Stokes, J. A. Phillips

Beddard, Wm. (24) Henry Beddard & Zilpha
Jones, Pearcy (18) Joseph Jones & Susan
Feb. 20, 1893. Contentnea. J. J. May, JP
Jerry Wetherington, Josephus Moye, Geo. Moye

Cox, Lewis L. (21) Lewis Cox & Susan
Beddard, Sallie V. (15) Ivey Beddard & Sarah
Apr. 13, 1890. place ng. W. M. Moore, JP
N. E. Cory, R F. Stokes, George W. Stokes

McGlohorn, James Henry (30) Jonathan McGlohorn & Susan
Beddard, Martha (24) Joab Smith & Mary
Mar. 13, 1881. Contentnea. T. N. Manning, MG
John Elks, John Jones, F. McGlawhorn

Phillip, Jesse (27) Richard Phillip & Nancy
Beddard, Annie (22) Oliver Beddard & ng
Apr. 19, 1892. Contentnea. J. R. Forbes
W. R. Johnston, W. E. McLawhon, N. H. Beddard

Turnage, Samuel (30) William Turnage & Mary
Beddard, Nancy (22) ng & Polly Beddard
Oct. 9, 1882. Contentnea. A. A. Tyson, Min.
Asa Garris, L. W. Dawson, W. R. Johnson

Williams, James H. (22) Joel Williams & Harriet
Beddard, Sarah E. (16) Ivey Beddard & S. A.
Dec. 11, 1881. Chicod. John A. Williams, Min.
James J. Hardy, John B. Beddard, Ivey Beddard

HATHAWAY-BREWER FIGHT, 1894

Eastern Reflector, Greenville, NC, Aug. 15, 1894

Belvoir Items---Thirdites had a battle in our quiet little neighborhood, in which fence rails, shovels and brass-knucks were used. Mr. James BREWER and Oscar HATHAWAY had a fight all to themselves, and fought until both mutually agreed that they were satisfied. No one present was able to interfere—two or three of Mr. BREWER'S little boys stood by looking at their father get brutally beat in the face with brass-knucks, and could not render him any assistance. "our good law abiding citizens still continue to carry brass-knucks, pistols, and large jack-knives, and other numerous deadly weapons, and use them promiscuously, (of course only in self defense.) They were taken up and tried and discharged upon paying small fines and costs, with the promise not to do so again. And such I believe will continue until our peace officers will enforce the full limit of the law, which I believe upon conviction is that they shall not be fined not less than $30, together with imprisonment, if necessary. Brother officers, when you have a chance why don't you make those who dance pay the fiddler?

Bible Records

Whitford-Smith-Whitehurst-Spite Family Bible

Original in possession of W. Richard Faulkner, Salisbury, NC, April 2011. Transcribed by Victor T. Jones, Jr., from photographs provided by W. Richard Faulkner.

[New Testament Page]
The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ Newly Translated out of the Original Greek: And with the Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised. By His Majesties Special Command. Appointed to be Read in Churches. Oxford: Printed by John Baskett, Printer to the University, M DCC XXIII [i.e. 1723]

[penciled in near bottom of page]
Nancy mother of H.P. Whitehurst
Daughter of Martin Whitford.

[page 1]
Sarah Smith wife of Thos. Smith was born [illegible] the 19th in the year of our Lord God 1762.
Nancy Whitford daughter of Marten Whitford and Marry his wife was born the 23 day of march in the year of our Lord & Saviour 1783.
Betsey Smith daughter of Tho[s Smith] & Sarah his wife was born the [torn] of July, in the yeare of our Lord [&] Saviour 1781.
John Smith Son of Thomas Smith [torn] his wife was born the 8 day of March [in] the yeare of our Lord & Saviour 1783.
Polley [? faded and out of focus in photo] Smith daughter of Thos. Smith and Sarah his wife was born April the 30 1785.
Salley Smith daughter of Thos. Smith and Sarah his Wife was born Febury the 7 1788.
Polley Smith daughter of the Same parents was bornd the 6 day of [faded in photo] 1791.
Solomn Smith son of the same parents was born June the 5th day 1793.

[page 2, End of the Apocrypha]
John Whitford son of Martin Whitford and Mary his wife was bornd October the 9, 1766.
One thousand seven hundred & sixty six.
William Whitford son of Thos: Whitford and Sara his wif was born Novmbear ye 21 day about half an ouer past on oClok in ye aftrn. In year of our Lord God 1752 [photo has year cut off, year provided by W. Richard Faulkner]
Henrey Purify Whithust Son of Shadrick Whithust and Nancy his wife was Bornd August the 19th day 1813. [Photo has the 9 in 19th cut off, day provided by W. Richard Faulkner]

[page 3]
Thomas Spite son of Willum Spite and Elesabeth his wif was born Novmbear ye fost day in year of our lord God 1752
& mar marred on November forth day David Whitford. [year of marriage not given]

[page 4]
David R. Whitford son of John Whitford and Hollon his wife was bornd July the 30th Day in the year of our Lord— 1784.
Celia Whitford Daughter of John Whitford and Hollon his wife was born the 19th [in gutter of Bible and illegible on photo] of April in the year of our lord [in gutter of Bible].

Marten Whitford [smeared]
Martin Whitford Departed this Life November the 16th Day 1804. Aged 70 years and one month.

[page 5]
Martin Whitford his Book
ana domney 174_

[page 6, end page of the Prophets]
God do men this book attend my book and hart Shall never part and this you See remember Me.
Martin Whitford 176[torn]
Elezabeth Spite daftar of William Spite & Elezabeth his Wife Was born May ye fost in ye year of our Lord 1752.

[page 6]
[Several entries too faint to read names, dates of 1710 and 1729 stand out.]
Fanna giddens daughter of Agnes Giddens borned Junerary the 22 1782.
S
Sarah W

[page 7, page before Tables]
John Whitford Son of Thomas Whitford and Sarah his wife War bornd October the first Day in the year of our Lord 1744.
[Entry written over and very faint.]
John Whitford and Hollon his wife Was marred Apriel the 11th day 179[in gutter of book]
John Whitford departed this life October the 8th 1829 about one Oclock in the morning on Thursday after eleven days illness aged 63 Sixty three years lacking one day.

[page 8]
[Several faint entries date 1740 legible on one.]
Omeata boy called Jhon Mergn was born febrary ye 11 1748. Sold to Artar Jonston and is fre at thorty one year old sold by Thomas Whitford.
Richard Whitford son of John Whitford and Sarah his wife was Bornd Desember the 12 day 1770.
John Whi
John hear they was Bornd Desember the 18—1759.
[page 9, page before Index]
John Whitford, Son of Thomas W and Sarah his wife was bornd October the first Day [in] the year of our Lord God 174[4]
Elezabeth Whitford dafter of Thos. Whitford Was born July ye 24 day in ear of Our Lord God 1732.

Marten Whitford son of Thos. Whitford and Sara his Wif Was born Otobr Ye fost 1 day in year of our Lord God 1734.

Clark-Whitford-Bean Bible Record

The Christian's New and Complete Family Bible: or Universal Library of Divine Knowledge: Containing the Sacred Texts of the New Testament at Large. Illustrated. Printed by and for John Taylor; and sold by the Booksellers of London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Bristol, Bath, Exeter, Plymouth, Newcastle, York and by a ll other Booksellers in Great -Britain. This bible was found in December 1964 in an old trunk in Waco, Texas. Sarah Whitford. who had been lef t an orphan at an early age and married James C. English, his second wife, in Tuscumbia, Alabama , December

7th, 1834. Virginia B. English, the daughter of James C. and Sarah English married Orlando W. Bean. This record, taken from some other publication was found in the John A. Clark, Jr. Collection, East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.

"Lardner Clark bought this Bible in Nashville of Espy & McQuillon in April 1793."
"Ceded Territory South of the Ohio at Nashville upon the River Cumberland was born:
Mary Clark upon the 24th March 1785
Rebekah Clark upon the 7th July 1786
Jean Clark upon the 2nd February 1788
"Lardner Clark was born upon the 18th day of November 1756 in Gloucester County, New Jersey & dyed in the upper Louisiana uppon Tuesday Morning about Cock Crow, 17th day of February 1801. Was buried in the Church yard of Ste Genevieve upon Wednesday about 12 o' c lock by the priest of the Parish" .
"Elizabeth Clark was born 31 of October 1767 in New Virginia in Bottetourt County and died on the 30 June 1825 a t 2 o' clock in Limestone County, Alabama . "
David Dorr born 20th August 1787
Mary Dorr born 6th December 1796 and died 10 October 1797
Judiet Hope born 8th July 1825 (?)
Malinda Bracken born month of August 18 7 (?)
John Whitford was born October the 1s t 1744 and died February the 23rd 1811.
Sarah Whitford was born on January the 22, 1748 and died on October the 22, 1796.
Richard Whitford was born December 12th 1770.
John Whitford was born July the 10, 1773.
Martin Whitford was born June the 22, 1775.
Mary Whitford was born August the 5th, 1777.
William Whitford was born December the 25th 1780.
Sarah Whitford was born March the 8th 1783.
Laney Whitford was born February the 19th 1786.
Laney Whitford was born on 8th day of June 1803 (also listed as De1an)
Lardner Clark Whitford on the 9th day of December 1805.
Charlotte Cordee Whitford was born 12th August 1808 about 10 o' clock.
Elizabe th (Eliza) Whitford on the 12th day of August 1808 and died April 30, 1837.
John Whitford on the 8th day of January 1812 and died the 18th day of the same month.
Sally (Sarah) Whitford was born on the 28th day of December 1813.
Martin Whitford died on the 16th day of December 1814. (also shown in another entry as died 15th December 1814)
Mary Whitford his wife died December 23rd, 1814.
"Edmund I. Bean and Elizabeth Whitford was married June the forth 1828 in fankin County, Ala . "
Malvina Musadonah Bean was born May 5th 1829.
William Hatch Bean was born June 1s t 1831.
Orlando W. Bean was born July 14th 1834.
Sarah Elizabeth Bean was born Feb. 21, 1837 in Tuscumbia

The Wynns-Cherry-Barnhill Bible Record

Found in the Manning Room, Martin County Community College Library, Williamston, NC. The Bible was Printed for Mathew Carey, No. 118, Market -Street, Philadelphia, October 27th, 1802. Watkin William Wynns served as a Captain in the Revolutionary War, and his Will is found in Martin County Will Book 2, p. 220. He was the son of John Wynns, and grandson of George Wynns of Bertie County, NC. The bible was carried to Mississippi and then to Henry Co., TN by Samuel Wynns, the youngest son of Watkin William Wynns.

This Book was Purchased Anno Domini 1803 By Watkin Wm. Wynns.

MARRIAGES

Watkin Wm. Wynns Was Married to Ann Ward August 10th 1769
Pegga Wynns Was Married to John Bennett October the 27th 1805
Elizabeth Wynns Married to Darling Cherry the 1s t of March 1812
Watkin Wm. Wynns, Son of John Wynns & Sarah Wynns his Wife was Born Sept. 30th old stile 1742
Daniel Wynns Son of Watkin Wm. Wynns & Mary his Wife was born March 19th 1765

BIRTHS

Sam1. Wynns married to Merina Barnhill May the 27th 1817
Edward Barnhill & Elizabethe an his wife was Married in January 13th 1834
an Move to Mississippi in Oct. the 2 1836
John Wynns Son of Watkin Wm. Wynns & Mary his Wife was Born January 25th 1767
Winifird Wynns Daughter of Watkin Wm. Wynns & Ann his Wife was Born Septemr. 6th 1770
[entry too hard to read]
Mary Wynns Daughter of Watkin Wm. Wynns & Ann his Wife was Born February 13th 1772
Thomas Wynns Son of Watkin Wm. Wynns & Ann his Wife was Born February 22, 1775
Sarah Wynns, Daughter of Watkin Wm. Wynns & Ann his Wife was Born April the 19th 1777
William Ward Wynns Son of Watkin Wm. Wynns & Ann his Wife was Born Apr i l 27, 1779
George Wynns Son of Watkin Wm. Wynns & Ann his Wife was Born May the 30th 1781
Ann Wynns Daughter of Watkins Wm. Wynns & Ann his Wife was Born Decmr the 30th 1782
Benjamin Wynns Son of Watkin Wm. Wynns & Ann his Wife was Born June 6th 1785
Peggy Wynns Daughter of Watkin Wm. Wynns & Ann hi s Wife was Born April 10th 1787
Henry Wynns Son of Watkin Wm. Wynns & Ann his Wife was born March 30th
Elizabeth Wynns Daughter of Watkin Wm. Wynns &Ann his Wife was Born 7th of March 1792 .
Samuel Wynns Son of Watkin Wm. Wynns & Ann his Wife was Born October 20 1793
Merina Barnhill Daughter of James Barnhill & Elizabeth his Wife was born March 24th 1799.
Barret Bennett Daughter of John Bennett and Peggy his wife was bornd Decbr 31 18(06 or 07)
Anney Lizar Bennett Daughter of John Bennett and Peggy his Wife wase Born October 1809
William Bennett Son of John Bennett and Peggy his Wife was Bornd Decmbr 20 1816
Nancy C. Bennett Daughter of John Bennett and Peggy his Wife was borned March the 12th day 1814
Elisabeth Wynns Daughter of Saml Wynns & Merina his Wife was Bornd June 12 1818
Watkin William Wynns Son of Sam1 Wynns & Merina his Wife was Bornd February 7th 1820
(Margaret) Wynns Daughter of Saml Wynns & Marina his wife was Bornd June 25th 1821
(Eliza) Wynns Daughter of Saml Wynns & Marina his wife was Bornd November 17, 1822 on Sunday evening
(John) Washington Wynns Son of Sam1 Wynns & Marina his Wife was Bornd February 4th (1824) on Wednesday
Early____ the Morning _____
Thomas Jefferson Wynns Son of Sam1 Wynns and Marina his Wife was Bornd May 12 1825 .
Nancy Caroline Wynns Daughter of Saml Wynns & Marina his Wife was Bornd January 10, 1827
Adaline Wynns Daughter of Saml. Wynns and Marina his Wife was Bornd January the 27th 1828 .
Sarah Jane Wynns Daughter of Saml. Wynns & Marina his Wife was Bornd December 12, 1830
Martha Ann Rebecca Wynns Daugher of Saml Wynns and Marina his Wife was Bornd April 5th 1832 •
James Clinton Wynns son of Samuel Wynns and Marina his wife was borned July 23rd 1829
Edward Barnhill Son of John Barnhill & Dycey his (wife) was born February the 24 1809
an Emeline Barnhill Daughter of Edward Barnhill & Elizabeth Barnhill was born November 11th - 1834
Saml. W. Barnhill Son of Edward Barnhill & Elizabeth, his (wife) was born April 16th, 1836
Margarett Ann Barnhill was Born March 18th 1837 in Mississippi Holms County

[Note The following records are those of Marina (Barnhill) Wynns. After the death of her first husband, Samuel Wynns, she then married James Wright and had children by him]

Marian (Marina) Elizar Wright Daughter of James Wright & Marina Wright his Wife was Born this April 6th 1835
(Elizabeth?) Wright Daughter of James Wright _____Thi s July the 22
Albert C. Wright a Son of James Wright and Marina his Wife was Born September _
[Illegible]_____1861

Wm. C. Nored was bornd November the 2-- 1833
M. A. Nored Was borod April the 5--1835
John M. Nored Was bornd June the 25-- 1858
Jenetty J . Nored Was bornd September the 4-- 1860
Marina E. Wright was Daughter of F. M. Wright Julia his Wife Borned August 23, 1861
Charley (n?) Wright Son of F. M. Wright Julia his Wife Was Born 20 of February 1863
Martha E. Wright Daughter of F. M. Wright Julia his Wife Was Born Januarythe 12, 1866
Richard Henry Wynns was Born January 29, 1883
Minnie May (McClure) Wynns was Born October 1893 Died January 27, 1919
[Richard Henry Wynns was born January 28, 1874, and not January 29, 1883according to statements in his account book]
Clara Orene Wynns, the Daughter of Richard H. Wynnes and Minnie May (McClure) Wynns, was Born May 8, 1910
Billy Lucille Wynns, the Daughter of Richard H. Wynns and Minnie May (McClure) Wynns was Born July 29, 1912

DEATHS
Geo. Wynns Son of Watkin W. Wynns & Ann his Wife departed this Life January 28th 1782
Benjamin Wynns Son of Watkin W. Wynns & Ann his Wife departed this life October 22nd 1803
William Ward Wynns unlucaly Departed this Life by a Fall of his hors the 15th of November 1807
Watkin Wm. Wynns Departed this Life March 20th 1812 on Friday Eavan
Ann Wynns Departed this Life February the 13 1819 on Saturday Morning
Samuel Wynns Departed this Life on the 10 of October 1832 on Wednesday morning.
Watkin William Wynns Son of Samuel Wynns & Merina his wife Departed this Life September the 25 1820 on Munday Eavening about one hour and half (?)
Eliza Wynns Daughter of Saml Wynns & Marina his wife Departed this life October the 11_1823 on Saturday Evening about Eleven 0 Clock.
James Barnhill Departed this life October the 18 1826 on Wednesday
Nancy C. Wynns Daughter of Sam1 Wynns & Marina his wife Departed this life January the 16 1827
Marina Wright Departed this Life on Munday June 4 1866

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The following are selected items from the Revolutionary War pension records of Thomas Love found on microfilm at the National Archives, Washington, D. C.
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Thomas LOVE S36048 fn37NC
State of North Carolina Pitt County----
On the __day of August 1818 Thomas LOVE of said County appeared in open Court who is aged abou t sixty-nine being a resident of Pitt County who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress Entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States service in the revolutionary war. That he the said Thomas LOVE enlisted in Camblin [CAMDEN] County & State aforesaid Enlisted by Captain Joshua DOITEY a Recruiting Oficer of sd County and Rendezvoused at hallefax in Captain John POINTERS Company in the Seventh Ridgement of North Carolina comanded by Colonel James Hogan Marched from Halifax to Alexander in Virginia from thence to Philhadelphia, thence to Trenton, thence to the White Plains thence to Germantown, and that he was sent from thence to the Hospettal the place not recollected; & remained there nine months. From thence Joined the Army at Paramus and from there to Monmouth, from thence to Philadelphia, thence to Charleston South Carolina; and there was taken prisoner and remained as a prisoner of war Fourteen months; and was then carried to Jamestown Virginia, from thence to Williamsburg from thence to Petersburg Virginia; from thence to Richmond Where he was discharged by Col Thomas CLARK Commander of the first ridgement North Carolina. That he was in the battle of Germantown also at the battle Brandy Wine and in Charleston South Carolina during the seage. That he has no property and stands in need of assistance of his Country for support and that he served nearly 5 years in the Contenettal armey. -- Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & date above.
Robt. WILLIAMS, Chairman Thomas (his mark) LOVE

At the same time & place Solomon CARR.who was in Contenettal armey at the time and maketh oath the greater part of the facts set fourth by Thomas LOVE he Knows to be true & believes the whole to be true and that from his age and having no property, thinks he needs the assistance of his country.
Sworn to and subscribed to as above
Robt. WILLIAMS, Chairman witness Solomon (his mark} CARR

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State of No. Carolina Secretary's Office 10th of October 1818
I hereby Certify that the above is a true abstract from the muster roll of the North Carolina Continental line for the Revolutionary War. Given under my hand at office in Raleigh the date above
Wm HILL Secretary of State

District of North Carolina
On this 5th day of December 1818 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the said district, personally appeared Thomas LOVE aged 70 years, resident in Pitt County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary:" That he the said Thomas Love, sometime early in the

revolutionary war, the date he does not remember, enlisted in Camden County in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain POINTER, of the 7th Regiment, in the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, for 3 years; that he continued to serve in the same company, & in Captain DICKSON'S Company (to which he was transferred when the regiments were broken) until the end of his said enlistment, and then continued in the same service until the Siege of Charleston, when he was taken prisoner, and remained a prisoner about 14 months, after which he sailed from Charleston to Jamestown in Virginia, and thence marched to Richmond, where he was discharged; which discharge he delivered to the Purchaser of his claim & has not seen it since; that he was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, & the Siege of Charleston; and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.
Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid. H. POTTER, DJUSNC

District of North Carolina
Solomon CARR maketh oath that he is well acquainted with the aforesaid Thomas LOVE --that he served with him in the revolutionary war and part of the time in the same company -- and deponent believes confidently that the said Thomas served in the American Army in said war, in the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, more than 2 years; and certainly more than 9 months in one continued service. Deponent further saith that the said Thomas LOVE is destitute of property & now on the Parish, & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. Sworn to before me at Raleigh the 5th of December 1818
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Wm HILL Secretary of State

State of North Carolina Pitt County} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term 1827
On this 7th day of February 1827, Personally appeared in open Court of said County of Pitt, Thomas LOVE resident of said County aged sixty-six years who being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the revisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st of May 1820, that he the said Thomas Love enlisted for the term of 3 years on the 10th of March 1779 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain John POINTER in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James HOGUN in the line of the State of North Carolina on the United States Continental Establishment --that he continued to serve in the said Corps until he was regularly discharged from the service in Richmond State of Virginia that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present that his name has been placed on the Pension list that the number of his pension Certificate is lost and that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property because he did not know it was necessary to do so. That he hereby relinquishes every claim to pension except what may be allowed him by said acts of Congress. That his name was placed on the pension list No. not ascertained and again a second time by his friends without his knowledge or the least intention of fraud and by which he was stricken from the list of pensioners as he has been informed as having fraudulently intended to draw double what he was entitled to and which he avers was not the case and which trust is satisfactorily explained the oath of Robert WILLIAMS, Benjamin TISON Esquires & Colonel Oliver PRINCE who from his friendly solicitude to see me properly placed on the pension list know of my age and infirmity was no doubt the innocent cause of my being a 2nd time put on and off being stricken off. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it

as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. I hereby certify I have no property to the amount of one shilling. –

Attest: James SHEPPARD, Clerk Thomas (his X mark) LOVE
Archibald PARKER, DC

State of North Carolina County of Pitt} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1827
On this 10th day of May 1827 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County aforesaid proceeding according to the course of common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of their proceedings, and having the power of fine and imprisonment, Thomas LOVE, resident of Said County who being duly sworn doth on his Oath make the following declaration in amendment of the declaration which he made in February Term of said Court in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That since the 18th March 1818 no Change has Taken place in his property he not having possessed any at that time --that he has been chiefly supported by the Parish for about nine years past, for the fore part of which time he was removed from one place to another in the County under the provisions of the law for such purposes -- and for the latter of the time his residence has been more permanent and an anual allowance made by the Wardens of the Poor for his Support --that he now lives with his wife aged from 64 to 66 years who is unable to labor much --that two of his Children a son & a daughter are at present in his family but they are poor and unable to do anything for him and our of age & out of his Control --That since the making of his declaration at February Term of this Court he has been informed and believes that there is due him and account of the pension allowed him by the United States up to the time when a declaration was required to be made by the Act of May 1820, the sum of about $152 -- which he has not been able to receive from the agent at Fayetteville for want of his Certificate which is lost -- he having neglected to preserve it under an impression that it was of no use to him –

Attest: Jas. SHEPPARD Clk Thomas (his mark) LOVE
Sworn to and declared, on this 10th day of May before the Justices of said Court----
Attest: James SHEPPARD, Clerk of said Court

Georgia Washington County} on this Eleventh day of October Eighteen Hundred and thirty three, before me, the Subscriber, a Justice of the Inferior Court for Said County of Washington personally appeared Thomas LOVE, who on his Oath declares that he is the same person formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain POINTER, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas CLARK, in the Service of the United States, that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of North Carolina from whence he has lately removed that, he now resides in the State of Georgia where he intends to remain, and his pension to be there payable, in future. The following are his reasons for removing from the State of North Carolina to the State of Georgia to place myself in the care & protection of my children.
Sworn & subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid
Samuel ROBISON, JIC Thomas (his mark) LOVE

[Caleb LOVE gave a supporting affidavit, but does not indicate his relationship to the veteran.]

[Thomas LOVE was pensioned at the rate of $8 per annum commencing August 3rd 1818, for 3 years service in the North Carolina Continental Army.]

let to Samuel ROBISON his atty; 20th Sept 1833
notice sent him 11 Nov 1833
transferred to Georgia from Sept 1831—Nov. 11, 1833

JOHN LITTLE, CORONER'S INQUEST, 1785

Found in the Craven County Coroner's Inquests, CR 028.913.1; NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Inquisition Indented Taken at the house of Mr John LITTLE Late of Pitt County in the State of North Carolina this 3d of Decr. 1785 before me George FALCONER Coroner of the County aforesaid upon View of the Body of John LITTLE late of Said County then and There Lying Dead and upon the Oath of Isaac LITTLE James WAINRIGHT Joseph DANIEL James AVERY Reading MOORE Sampson CLARK Joseph HICKMAN Aron TISON Edmond TISON Major HARRIS Keeley TUCKER Wm BRADY Senr. Hood HARRIS Wm HARRIS Saml. BROWN Harris WILLIAMS Joshua TUCKER John ANDERSON and Joel WILLIAMS Good and Lawfull men of the County aforesaid who being Charged and Sworne to Inquire how and in what manner the Said John LITTLE by his Death Came upon their Oaths do say that on the 2d day Decr. in the year of our Lord 1785 and at the place aforesaid the Said John LITTLE Accidently Fell Down in his well which was nearest his house and was Drownd. in Testimoney Whereof as well I the Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid to this Inquisition have Severally Put our Seals the day ---year and place first above Written

Reading MOORE {Seal}
Sampson CLARK {Seal}
Joseph (his H mark) HICKMAN {Seal}
Aaron TISON {Seal}
Geo FALCONER Cor {Seal}
Isaac LITTLE Forman {Seal}
James WAINRIGHT {Seal}
Joseph DANIEL {Seal}
James AVERY {Seal}
Edmund TISON {Seal}
Major HARRIS {Seal}
Keley TUCKER {Seal}
Wm W BRADY {Seal}
Hood HARRIS {Seal}
William HARRIS {Seal}
Samuel BROWN {Seal}
Harris WILLIAMS {Seal}
Joshua TUCKER {Seal}
John ANDERSON {Seal}
Joel WILLIAMS {Seal}

SPEIGHT-PEACOCK MARRIAGE, 1826

Washington Whig, Washington, NC, Sept. 16, 1826

A Weighty Peacock!---Married in Wayne county, N.C. on the 8th ult. by the Rev. John HOWELL, Mr. Hobhead SPEIGHT of Greene county, aged 77 ½ years, weight 99 ¾ pounds, to Mrs. Sally PEACOCK of the former county, aged 44 years, weight 333 ¼ pounds!

SAMUEL HUSSEY, CORONER'S INQUEST, 1785

Found in the Craven County Coroner's Inquests, CR 028.913.1; NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Coroners Return of Inquistion on the Body of Saml. HUZZY

December ye 26 1786 Stephen BROOKS Coroner
We the Jury of Inqueste on the Body of Samuell HUSEY Meet and view Said Body and Made all Inquiry that we Could think nesesary Confirming the Death of said Decd and we think and believe that he Being Elevated in Liqure Fell of his Hors Being Deprivd of his Stength to Help him Self so Smuthered in the water

Stepn. BROOKS Coron.
Aaron TISON {Seal}
Edmund TISON {Seal}
Isaac JOYNER {Seal}
Benony (his mark) RYLAND {Seal}
John MOORE {Seal}
George BENTLY?/BEASLEY? {Seal}
George (his mark) WALLACE {Seal}
Abram JOYNER {Seal}
Lemuel DEBERRY {Seal}
John MOORE {Seal}
John PIPKIN {Seal}
Jesse JORDAN {Seal}
Frederick TISON {Seal}
George MOY {Seal}
George MOY Jr {Seal}
Jacob (his mark) TISON {Seal}

Amos Evans, Champion Watermelon Raiser, 1884

Eastern Reflector, Greenville, NC, Wed., Aug. 20, 1884

Mr. Amos EVANS, the champion watermelon raiser of the county, will accept our thanks for the finest melon we have seen this season, which weighed 55 pounds and was 42 inches in circumference. Mr. EVANS brought one dozen melons to town Saturday and the whole lot would have weighed 49 pounds each. We wanted to get the exact weight of each melon, but some of them were sold before we saw them. The three largest melons weighed 143 pounds, and the two smallest 69 ½ pounds. Mr. EVANS told us he had brought in his largest melon, but that he could have pulled a dozen out of his patch that would have averaged 45 pounds each. He always makes the finest melons of any man in the county and we doubt if his lot Saturday can be beaten in the State.

BENJAMIN BELL--WILLIAM AVERETT ESTATES, 1795

This advertisement appeared in the *N. C. Journal*, Halifax, NC, May 18, 1795
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

N O T I C E

The Subscriber having qualified as Administrator to the estate of Benjamin BELL, Esq.;deceased, late of Pitt County; also, as Administrator *de bonis non* to the estate of William AVERRETT, deceased, of said County, requests all persons having demands against said decedents to make them known within the time prescribed by law, otherwise they will be barred from recovery.

Those indebted to the sais estates are requested to make immediate payment, as the situation of said estates will admit no indulgence.

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On Friday the 22d of May next

Will be Sold, at the late Dwelling-house of the said Benjamin BELL, deceased, all the perishable part of the estateof said deceased. Six months Credit will be given , the Purchasers giving Bond with approved Security before the property is changed. BENJAMIN ATKINSON, Admr.

Pitt County, April 28, 1795.

ELIAS TURNAGE ACCIDENT, 1890

Eastern Reflector, Greenville, NC, Wed., July 2, 1890

ACCIDENT---Parties from this place who attended the masonic picnic at Hookerton, Tuesday of last week, reported quite an accident upon their return to Greenville. Mr. Elias TURNAGE had his family in a single horse phaeton and was returning home from the picnic. While crossing the bridge near Hookerton his horse began kicking and backed the vehicle down a steep embankment when the end of the bridge was reached. The vehicle with its occupants went down eight or ten feet, turning completely over in the fall, the horse going down on it and demolishing it. The only one of the party hurt was Mrs. TURNAGE, one of her legs being broken, the others escaping without a scratch. Parties who were near enough to witness the accident, say it was miraculous how the occupants of the vehicle escaped without some of them getting killed and all more or less hurt. There were five persons in the phaeton.

Adam Carroll Estate Sale, 1827

Found in the *Daily Reflector*, Greenville, NC, Feb. 3, 1951.

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Bill of Sale Made Out In 1827 Shows Prices Far Below Standards of 1951

Folks hereabouts are making a lot of comments about the higher prices, but for a real picture of the state of inflation in which we find ourselves, take a look at these prices from a Pitt county bill of sale dated September 7, 1827.

The bill of sale, more than 123 years old, was found recently by Miss Annie CARROLL of Greenville RFD, route two, who lives on the New Bern highway near Cox's Mill. Miss CARROLL found the bill of sale, when she was going through some papers left by her father, the late Frank CARROLL, a farmer of the Chicod community. The bill of sale, dated September 7, 1827, is a handwritten statement of the sale of personal property of "Adam CARRELL," the great-grandfather of Miss CARROLL.

The bill is signed by John C. MOYE, who apparently was constable of the township at the time the bill of sale was made. The bill is written in a fairly legible script on paper which has turned brown and is cracked with age.

The highest price which appears on the bill of sale is an addition to the original statement.

The transaction is recorded: I John C. MOYE on the 17 of this instant sold the following property to wit:

twenty four head of hogs to Francis BROOKS $10.00
One lot of barrels to Hallon CARRELL $1.00

The first part of the statement lists the following sales to "Hallon CARREL."

Two pine tables 30 cents
one chest 20 cents
ten chairs 20 cents
10 looking glasses 20 cents
one candle stick 15 cents
one pair of fire irons 20 cents
two pots 25 cents
one Dutch oven and spider 30 cents
one table 15 cents
three morter pails 20 cents
one lot of spoons 10 cents
one pair of stirrup irons $2.00
three stocks of Bees 50 cents
10 g___? $1.00

One slate was sold to "Edmund EASON for 25 cents, and one pair of cart wheels was sold to William B. HARDEE for $8.25.

The end of the bill of sale read "I John C. MOYE do certify this to be a True statement of the sale of property which was Adam CARREL. Given under my hand and sold this day mentioned.

It was signed by John C. MOYE and witnessed by someone whose signature could not be interpreted.

DAVID KIGHT, CORONER'S INQUEST, 1828

Found in the Craven County Coroner's Inquests, CR 028.913.1; NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

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State of North Carolina Craven County} this day personally Came Frederick BUTLER and Aaron ATKINSON & Jesse ATKINSON before me John CHAPMAN Eqr on of the Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and also before the Jury of Inqust over the dead body of David KIGHT and after being duly Sworn on the holy Evenjalist of almity God they all deposeteth and Sayeth that they went to Sarah AVERETTS hous on Sunday morning of the 16 day of November 1828 and that Mrs AVERITT Informed them that David KIGHT Left her hous on Saterday morning Early and that She was afraid that Something had happened to him and wished them to go and Look for him and these deponants went to the Creek and found the gun standing by a tree and these deponants then Concluded that Said KIGHT was Certainly drounded and these deponants then fyered Several Guns over the water and at Length Said KIGHT Ris and they found him and maid him fast until a Jury Could be got and further these deponants Sayeth not Sworn to the 17th day of November 1828—

Att John CHAPMAN JP

Frederick (his mark) BUTLER
Aaron (his mark) ATKINSON
Jessee ATKINSON

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State of North Carolina Craven County} This day personally Came Sarah AVERITT before me John CHAPMAN Esqr one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and also before the Jury of Inquest held over the dead body of David KIGHT and after being duly Sworn on the holey Evenjalist of allmity God She deposeteth and Sayeth that the Said David KIGHT had Lived Some time in hur hous and on the 15th day of November 1828 the Said KIGHT got up in the morning very Early and took his gun and Said he was Going to kil Sum ducks in the Creek and Som time after Said KIGHT had bin gon this deponant heard a gun and the Said KIGHT never Returned no more that day and the next morning this deponant Says that She greu uneasy and gave the allarm that Something must have happened to him and further this deponant Sayeth not---- Sworn to before me in Swifts Creek near the hous of Sarah AVERITT on the 17 day of November 1828

Att John CHAPMAN JP

Sarah (hur S mark) AVERITT

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State of North Carolina Craven County} An Inquisition indented taken at Swifts Creek near the hous of Sarah AVERITT in the Said of County on the 17 day of November AD 1828 before John CHAPMAN one of the acting Justicies of the peace in and for the County aforesaid upon the view of the body of David KIGHT then and there Lying dead upon the oaths of Samuel WIGGINS Charles ANDERSON James MCINGTUSH Isaac GARDENER Benjamen BENTLEY Benjamin VENTERS Church CHAPMAN John SUTTON Alfred CHAPMAN Sauthy WETHERANTON Horasta GUALTNEY Enuch AVERITT Good & Lawfull men of the County afore Said who being Sworn and Chargeed to Inquier on the part of the State afore Said when where how and after what manner the Said David KIGHT Came to his death do, Say upon there Oath that the Said David KIGHT being alone in Swifts Creek in Said County and accidintly drounded him Self and to the best of their opinion the Said David KIGHT accidently drounded him Self--- Given under our hands day & date above

John SUTTON	Enoch AVRITT	Ch CHAPMAN
Samuel WIGGINS	Hortis GWARTNEY	Benjamin BENTLEY
Alfred CHAPMAN	Charles ANDERSON	Benjamin VENTERS
Southe WITHERINGTON	James MCINTOUSH	
Att John CHAPMAN JP	Isaac GARDNER	

Lewis Wilson, Slave Division, 1859

Found in Lewis Wilson Estate, 1856; Pitt County Estates, CR 079.508.76, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

State of North Carolina Pitt County} To the worshipfull the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February Term 1859.

We the undersigned freeholders appointed by the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County, having been duly sworn proceeded on the 27th day of December to divid and make partition between and among , William John WILLSON Benjamin Jessee WILLSON and Frances L WILLSON, tenants in common of the following negro slaves viz—Alfred, Jim Shade, Allen, Noah Jordan Augustus Willis Grizza Lucy, Martha & child Lettice Phillis Jonah and Ned And allot and assign to each his and her individual share in severality as follows. Viz—
Lot No 1 Lucy, Phillis, Allen and Willis is assigned to William John WILLSON
Lot No 2 & 3 To Benja J WILLSON & Frances L WILLSON- Lettis Jonah , Noah Jordan, Martha & child Grizza Shade Jim Alfred and ned and Augustus—
Lot No 1 Appriated to William John WILLSON is to pay Lot 2 & 3 Sixty six dollars and Sixty six & 2/3 cents—
All of which is respectfully submitted under our hands and seals. This the 27th day of December 1858.

Hy C JORDAN JP. {Seal}
Chas. GREENE {Seal}
Wm. MOORE {Seal}

Lassiter Court Notice, 1834

Raleigh Register, Raleigh, NC, June 24, 1834

State of North Carolina

Greene County

Court of Equity, Spring Term, 1834
Uzzel LASSITER and others,
VS
Jesse LASSITER, Nancy LASSITER, James WIGGINS and Susanna his Wife, Jacob LASSITER, Isham LASSITER, Thomas LASSITER and Nathan LASSITER.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the said James WIGGINS and Susanna his wife, Jacob, Isham, Thomas and Nathan LASSITER, are residents of the State of Alabama. Ordered therefore, that publication be made in the Raleigh Register for the term of six weeks, commanding the said James WIGGINS and Susanna his wife, Jacob, Isham, Thomas and Nathan LASSITER to appear and answer at our next Superior Court of Law & Equity, to be held for the County of Greene at the Courthouse in Snow-Hill, on the second Monday after the fourth Monday in September next, or the bill of complaints will be taken *pro-confesso* and set for hearing ex parte as to them. Witness, Chas. EDWARDS, Clerk and Master of said Court, at Snow Hill, the second Monday after the fourth Monday of March 1834.

CHARS. EDWARDS, C. M. E.

W. G. Parker Letter, 1863

This letter is found in PC 1506.1, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Feb., the 22 1863
Greenville Pitt Co.. N.C

Dear Ema

I have a place to Stop at once more after marching two days as hard as I ever have marched & my feet is very sore—both is blistered, and I had the cholera morbus ysteday but not bad; I stoped eating & this morning I feel much better we are having a desperate rainy time of it.. last night it rained before we got our tents up I put our things in a pile and put my blanket on to cover all up till we got our tent which the boys were not long doing. I slept remarkable good last night.. but the air feels very unpleasant to day. Why we were brought here is rather strange to me unless it is to fill the place of a Mississippi regiment who we met while we were coming down.. the march has made Brogdon & King sick.. I think all the rest are as well of or better than when we started I got the Sachell last evening Mr. JACKSON gave it to Mr Todd at Magnolia and he stayed back in the town with our things so he came by the boat.. I had not seen him in eight days) (I mean Lewis TODD) I hope we shall have better weather soon.. Greenville is a good looking Town and the country from Tarboro to Greenville is as good as any I ever travelled through but the most of the people have left there families.. the yankees were in possession of this place about two months ago but left verry soon they tried to burn the bridge but did not succeed the bridge is nearly a half mile long.= when our rgement got on it they made it shake prety bad I do not feel well but I am as well as I expect and better if I get sick I shall apply for permision to go to a private house= I hope this will find you all well give my love to all my friends and accept a large portion= the largest half for yourself.. if we keep mooving we shall fare bad but if we stop we can make ourselves comfortable. we had just fixed up a nice house on the road to rainbow and had to moove next day so you see the uncertainty of a soldiers life---

yours affectionately
W. G. PARKER

St. Michaels Teachers Association

Eastern Reflector, Greenville, NC, Wed., Sept. 10, 1884

The teachers of Coxville and Centreville met at Mrs. Mary SMITH'S School house, August 23rd, for the purpose of organizing a teachers association. The following officers were elected for the next meeting:

Mrs. Mary SMITH, President; J. D. COX, Secretary; Mr. J. D. MILLER to give instruction on the way to teach History; Miss Maggie SMITH, to instruct on the word system and lessons preceding grammar; Mrs. Mary SMITH, instructions in Geography; Miss Addie SMITH, calisthenics and essays on school management; J. D. COX, Phonics and Music.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, I. That our association be known by the name of St. Michaels Teachers Association.

2. That the Secretary send a copy of the proceedings to the EASTERN REFLECTOR, and cordially invite the teachers, in the county, to attend our meeting, which is to take place on Saturday evening before the 4th Sunday in September at 8 o'clock

J. D. COX, Sect'y.

PITT COUNTY COURT MINUTES, 1864

The following are selected items taken from the minutes of the Pitt County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for March 1864 found on microfilm in the NC Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

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Be it remembered that at a Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions began & held for the County of Pitt at the Court House in Greenville on the first Monday in May 1864
Present} H. S. CLARK, L P BEARDSLEY, C CANNON

Jesse B. LUCAS the executor named in the Will of Sarah VANDEVEER decd. having renounced his said office as executor, it is ordered that Wm K DELANY be appointed administrator with the Will annexed of the said Jacob VANDERVEER on his entering into bond of $25,000 with J. J. PERKINS and W. M. B. BROWN as sureties. [p. 256]

H. G. PARKER Administrator of L. D.? LITTLE decd. returns his account current with said Estate on oath

Jesse NOBLES Guardian to Lewis BURNEY returns his account current with said ward upon oath

On motion ordered that Ellen BERNARD be appointed administrator on the estate of Joseph B. BERNARD decd. upon her entering bond of $30,000 with G. BERNARD, T. P.? BERNARD, W. A. BERNARD and W. WHITEHEAD as sureties.

W. A. JENKINS & C. PERKINS Exctrs. of Jos.? S. CLARK decd. returns inventory of account of sale of property and Alefair TAYLOR decd. upon oath [p. 247]

Ordered by the Court that Caleb CANNON be appointed Administrator upon the estate of Nathan BOWDEN decd. upon his entering into bond in the sum of $1,000 with Jonathan MCLAWHORN & Ara JONES sureties.

James H. TAFT being called and failing to appear

T. P. & J. P. BERNARD executors of Blount NOBLES decd. returns their account of sales of said estate on oath

Tuesday Court met according to adjournment
Present} H. S. CLARK, L P BEARDSLEY, C CANNON

E. P. DANIEL Guardian to Heirs of Daniel WARD returns his acct of hiring of negroes on oath

The Will of Joab HERRINGTON decd. was exhibited in open Court for probate by Caleb CANNON the executor therein named; proved by the oath of Jos. J. DANCY one of the subscribing witnesses whereupon the said Caleb CANNON is duly qualified as executor and enters into bond of $14,000 with Elias J. BLOUNT & Wm. FLANEKIN as sureties [p. 248]

Marina LANGLEY widow of David LANGLEY decd. has relinquished her right of administration in favor of Samuel H. LANGLEY & W. H. PERKINS, they giving bond of $250,000 with Churchill PERKINS, Francis? L. LANGLEY, Mary? DANIEL, Reddick CARNEY as sureties.

Ordered letters of administration on the estate of David P. LANGLEY decd. be issued James S. LANGLEY on his entering bond in the sum of $26,000 with Samuel LANGLEY and C. PERKINS as sureties. Further ordered the administrator have leave to sell the perishable property. [p.249]

Ordered that Reuben WHITEHURST be exempt from paying tax upon a negro boy George valued at $400.

[FAINT]
On motion ordered that Pennie ____den? be appointed administrator on the estate of Eliza HERRINGTON on her entering bond in the sum of $20,000 with Samuel LANGLEY and Enoch MOORE as sureties [p. 249]

_____? LATHAM admr. on the estate of Nancy E. ____N decd. returns his inventory & acct. of sales on estate on oath.

_____NELSON guardian to Joseph B. HARDEE renews his bond in the sum of $100,000 with J. F. BOYD, Bryant SMITH, John S. _____, _____TAFT, Wm. T. LAUGHINGHOUSE as sureties.

Ordered by the Court that Henry SHEPPARD be appointed administrator on the estate of Willie WILLIAMS decd. on him entering bond of $80,000 with _____ & W. J. BLOW as sureties.

Allen KING et al vs. John KING et al...it appearing that publication has been made as ordered for non resident defendants

Wm. M. COX guardian to the minor heirs of Washington KINSAUL decd. returns his acct. current with said wards on oath [p. 250]

Henry SHEPPARD admr. on the estate of Benj. W. TURNAGE decd. returns his notice to creditors also his notice to creditors as admr of Col. G. B. SINGELTARY decd. also his notice to creditors as admr of Jos. A. WILLIAMS decd.

J. H. JENKINS admr. of W. A. WHITEHURST decd. returns his inventory & acct. of sales of said estate on oath.

W. B. ROUNTREE admx of Henry M.? ROUNTREE returns acct. of hiring negroes of said estate on oath.

On motion Henry GURGANUS? was allowed to renew his bond as guardian to the minor children of James? R. CONGLETON decd. bond in the sum of $25,000 with C. PERKINS, J. C. KEEL, Willis WHICHARD as sureties [p. 250]

Daniel HILL Guardian to Perlina DANIEL returns his account current with his ward on oath

W. J. LAUGHINGHOUSE Guardian to the minor heirs of Henry MILLS decd. returns his account current with his ward on oath.

Rachel BROWN Guardian to the minor heirs of Asa? BROWN decd. returns her account current with said wards on oath.

[FAINT]

---------BEDDARD admr. of Archibald BEDDARD decd. returns his acct. of sales of said estate on oath.

The Will of Littleberry THIGPEN decd. was offered for probate. Reuben COBB and Eliza C. GWALTNEY being duly sworn that they saw the said testator sign the Will as per written. James A. THIGPEN the executor therein named in the Will comes into open Court through Mrs. Anna THIGPEN his attorney and relinquishes his

executorship which is accepted by the Court. Mrs. Anna THIGPEN is appted. adminx. with the will annexed upon her entering bond in the sum of $100,000 with John L. FLEMMING & Ivy FLEMMING as sureties. [p. 252]

W. J. LAUGHINGHOUSE guardian to the minor heirs of Lemuel TYSON decd. returns his acct. current with said wards on oath.

E. S. HOYT admr. of James E. HOYT returns his inventory of said estate on oath.

Robert E. TURNAGE admr. of Martha TURNAGE decd. returns his inventory & acct. of sales of said estate on oath. Also his notice to creditors. [p. 253]

Will of Joseph MOORE decd. offered for probate ; Louisa MOORE appointed adminx. giving bond of $5,000 with W. M. KING and _____ as sureties.

_____ LITTLE _special adminr. of C. C. LITTLE returns his inventory & acct. of sales of said estate on oath.

Administration on the estate of C. C. LITTLE decd. was granted to Lewis G. LITTLE on his entering bond in the sum of $20,000 with Benj. DANIEL & C. PERKINS as sureties.

Will of Harry B. JAMES decd. offered for probate by Mary E. JAMES the executrix named and proved by the oath of M. G. JAMES the subscribing witness. She gives bond in sum of $20,000 with ____ and W. J. BLOW as sureties.

On motion it was ordered by the Court one third of the Justices of the County being present that for the purpose of helping the poor & the indigent families of the County for the year 1864 the following taxes agreed upon the taxable property of the County, to wit, on all subjects of taxation that are taxed advolorem? for State purposes, there shall be collected a tax of 2 ½ percent upon the value thereof, and afore said other subjects of taxation as are specifically taxed for State purposes. A specific tax shall be collected which shall bear the same proportion to the advolorem ? of 2 ½ percent as the specific tax for State purposes does to the advolorem tax for State purposes. Provided ___ever it is understood that no tax whatever is to be collected on those subjects of taxation which by the Revenue law of the State are exempted from taxation by the County Court. Ordered further that of the net amount of taxes that may be collected under this order the sum of six thousand dollars be paid by the tax collector to the Wardens of the Poor and the remainder to the County Commissioners for the indigent families of our soldiers. [p.254]

Ordered Amos EVANS the County Commissioner for the indigent families of our soldiers be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County the sum of $1,000 provided that the sum be borrowed "at par" and can be paid back at the option of the County. It is ordered to be so in the new issue of Confederate States notes, and it is further ordered that Amos EVANS ...[FAINT] [p. 255]

Ordered that W. G. LANG County Commissioner for purchase of Cards be authorized to borrow on the credit of the County the sum of $500 and can be paid back at the option of the County...[FAINT]

Ordered all white males from [FAINT] to 55 be liable to work on the roads

Ordered that the Clerk keep all the records at the Clerks Office at the Court House in Greenville or in such other places near the Court House as he may think to be.

Saturday May Term
Present} H. T CLARK, C. CANNON & L. P. BEARDSLEY

On motion of Court Wiley STANCIL was allowed to correct his returns as Exctr. of Jesse B. STANCILL dec'd. as returned at the last November Term of this Court.

Ordered by the Court that the following persons be appointed respecting to hold an election in their respective districts at the next August election:
FALKLAND: W. B. WILLIAMS, Richard WILLIAMS, Spencer HARRIS
X ROADS: Jacob JOYNER, M. L. CARR & W. J. MOYE
GRIFFINS: Caleb C. CANNON, J. C. C. JENKINS, & J. W. DAWSON
BURNEYS: Jessee NOBLES, T. M. WIGGINS & Spencer BROOKS
CLAY ROOT: Caleb SMITH, W. A. QUINERLY & Edward BUCK
HADDOCKS: Thomas CANNON, Sylvester COX, Cornelius KINSAUL
TAFTS: Wm. M. NELSON, John S. TAFT, John GALLOWAY
GREENVILLE: W. A. MANNING, Henry S. CLARK, Joseph RINGGOLD, John S. SMITH, Wm. A. BERNARD, J. B. CHERRY
STANCILS: Henry STANCILL, Willie STANCILL & W. G. PARKER
ANDREWS: Easton JAMES, Samuel BROWN & C. O. STATON
PACTOLUS: L. G. LITTLE, Jno. L. LANGLEY & Richard WILSON

Ordered by the Court Seven Justices being present on the bench, that Benjn A. CORY be allowed to retail spirituous liquors in the town of Greenville for one year, upon the payment of all legal taxes. [p. 257]

Be it remembered that a Special Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Pitt County began & held on the 13th day of June 1864 Present} W A BERNARD, H W BROWN G W JOHNSON
On motion it is ordered by the Court that Germain BERNARD be appointed Special Admr. on the estate of Mrs. Penelope KEEL on his giving bond in the sum of $1,000. It is further ordered that he be allowed to sell the following articles (to wit) 1 bed & furniture, 3 common chairs, 2 Bunches of clothing in the chest, 1 common pine Table, 1 land box, 1 looking glass, 1 loom, one pair broken pin [FAINT] spinning wheel, 1 ___ kettle Bend ____

William A BERNARD J.P.
Henry W BROWN JP
G. W. JOHNSTON J.P.

Be it remembered that at a Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions began & held for the County of Pitt at the Court House in Greenville on the first Monday in August 1864
Present} L P BEARDSLEY, Chrn. James L. PAUL Caleb CANNON

The following failed to appear as jurors: Major B. PHILLIPS, Isaac JOHNSON, J. R. SMITH, Cannon WILSON, M. L. CARR, W. B. MANGUM, J. S. SMITH

C. PERKINS and Wm. A. JENKINS Exctrs of James S. CLARK decd. returns their inventory of said estate on oath. [p. 265]

Susan J. MOORE admx. of Joseph MOORE decd. returns her inventory of said estate on oath. also her note to creditors. [p. 265]

R. H. & C. J. ROUNTREE admr. of James S. MAY decd. returns their inventory and acct. of sales of said estate on oath.

Ordered by the Court Kinion HARRIS be permitted to list his taxables and be relieved from a Double Tax on his land 66 ½ acres valued at $460.

The Will of John S. BROWN decd. was produced in open Court by Benjamin W. BROWN named as administrator and was proved by Wm. M. B. BROWN and B. J. WILSON two of the subscribing witnesses. Ordered to be recorded. Benjamin W. BROWN produced bond of $250,000 with Willie BROWN, Henry W. BROWN and D. H. CHERRY as sureties. [p. 265-266]

On motion ordered that Sam MOORE be appointed administrator on the estate of James A. MOORE decd. on his giving bond of $60,000 with John L. FLEMING & W. G. LITTLE as sureties.

Ann THIGPEN admx of S. B. THIGPEN returns her inventory of said estate on oath. also her note to creditors.

Governor D. L. SWAIN is allowed by the Court to give in his land for taxation in Pitt County and exempted from double tax [p. 266]

Martha FENNER? is allowed by the Court to give in his land for taxation in this county and be exempted from double tax.

Thomas HARRIS is allowed by the Court to give in his land for taxation in this county and be exempted from double tax.

On motion James GALLOWAY was appted. administrator on the estate of Anny GALLOWAY decd. on he giving bond in the sum of $20,000 with John GALLOWAY, Edward CHAPMAN & F. B. SATTERTHWAITE as sureties.

On motion John GALLOWAY was appted. guardian to __ary and Martha HARDEE infant children of Cornelius HARDEE decd. on he giving bond of $2,500 with James GALLOWAY and F. B. SATTERTHWAITE as sureties. [p. 267]

The Will of James A. TEEL, decd. was produced in open Court by Benjamin W. BROWN executor therein named. He giving bond of $25,000 with Henry W. BROWN & D. H. CHERRY as sureties.

Ordered by the Court that Lydia GRAY be appted. admx. to the estate of Joseph L. GRAY decd. upon her entering into bond of $15,000 with W. H. PERKINS & Reddick CARNEY as sureties.

On motion Mrs. B. A. ERNULL is allowed to list her taxes for the year and be relieved from a double tax.

State VS ___m a slave the property of Heirs of Wm SUMERELL----not guilty [p. 267]

Ordered by the Court Edward CHAPMAN be permitted to list his taxes for the year and be relieved from double tax.

Ordered by the Court W. J. TEEL be permitted to list his taxes for the year and be relieved from double tax.

Court met at 10 o'clock Present} Henry S. CLARK, J. L. PAUL, Wm. A. BERNARD

Ordered by the Court William GARRISS be permitted to list his taxes for the year and be relieved from double tax.

Ordered by the Court James D. DOUGHTY be permitted to list his taxes for the year and be relieved from double tax.

On motion to Court is ordered that Major GAY as agent for Penelope & Nancy WILLIAMS be permitted to list their taxes for the year and be relieved from double tax. [p. 269]

James L. LANGLEY admr. of D. P. LANGLEY returns his inventory of said estate on oath. also his note to creditors.

It appearing to the Court that David LANGLEY heretofore appted. guardian of Rebecca Louisa LATHAM has died it is ordered that James L. LANGLEY be appted. guardian to said Rebecca Louisa LATHAM on his entering bond of $30,000 with S. H. LANGLEY and C. PERKINS as sureties.

Mary E. JAMES Executrix of Harry B. JAMES decd. returns her note to creditors.

Ordered by the Court that J. A. TYSON be allowed to rectify his list of taxes for the year 1864.

Ordered by the Court R. E. PORTER be permitted to amend his list of taxes. [p. 270]

Ordered by the Court that Isabella ROEBUCK be appted. ___ of the estate of G. W. ROEBUCK upon her entering into bond of $12,000 with C. PERKINS & W. A. _____?

The Will of John BARNHILL decd. was produced in open Court by the executor and proved by Micajah TEEL & Clayton H. TAYLOR two of the subscribing witnesses.

Ordered by the Court that Bynum TEEL be appted. admr. on the estate of Jas. A. BRILEY decd. on his giving bond in the sum of $10,000 with Moses TEEL & Peter JOLLY as sureties. [p. 270]

Saml. H. LANG, one of the admr. of David LAUGHINGHOUSE decd. returns his inventory of estate on oath. also his notice to creditors.

Will of Abram JOYNER decd. produced in open Court by Alley JOYNER the mother of said deceased. Willis R. WILLIAMS be appted. adminr. on his giving bond of $20,000 with Wm. M. KING, Wm. MAY and Thos. B./ DUPREE as sureties.

Ordered by the Court Martha M QUIN? be appted. admx. on the estate of Calvin D. QUIN? decd. on her giving bond in the sum of $2,000 with Benjamin DANIEL, D. H. DILL & C. PERKINS as sureties. [p. 271]

Ordered by the Court Wm. DIXON be permitted to list his taxes for the year and be relieved from double tax.

Ordered by the Court Stephen SMITH be permitted to list his taxes for the year and be relieved from double tax.

Ordered by the Court that S. H. LANGLEY & W. H. PERKINS admrs. of David LANGLEY decd. be permitted to list his taxes for the year and be relieved from double tax.

It appearing to the Court that James L. LANGLEY executor of Godfrey LANGLEY decd. did on the listing of his taxes as executor aforesaid listed for taxation listed one black pole more than was liable to taxation, it is so ordered that the said executor be allowed to correct his said tax list before the clerk and that the said clerk issue his certificate according to act of assembly.

Ordered by the Court that D. O. SPAIN be permitted to list his taxes & relieved from double tax.

Ordered that James H. TAFT be appted. Constable for Tafts District in this county, who gave bond with Wm. M. NELSON and F. B. SATTERTHWAITE as sureties.

The Will of James L. FLEMMING was exhibited in open Court by Sarah E. FLEMMING the executrix therein named and was proved by W. K. DELANY one of the subscribing witnesses. The executrix enters into boond of $16,000 with John L. FLEMING and Peter FLEMMING as sureties. Ordered to be recorded. [p. 273]

Lewis G. LITTLE admr. of C. C. LITTLE decd. returns an additional inventory of said estate on oath.

On motion to Court it was ordered that Mary Ann ANDERSON widow of Capt. L. R. ANDERSON decd. be appted. admintrx. on the estate of her deceased husband upon her giving bond of $200,000 with Moses JOYNER, James JOYNER & Elias J. BLOUNT as sureties.

Germain BERNARD Special admr. of Mrs. Penny KEEL returns his inventory & acct. of sales of said estate on oath.

On motion ordered by the Court that Thomas FORNES be permitted to list his taxes & be released from a double tax.

On motion ordered by the Court that Amos EVANS be permitted to list his taxes & be released from a double tax.

On motion ordered by the Court that Hugh A. SUTTON be allowed to rectify his tax as returned for the year 1864.

On motion ordered by the Court that Aulander HEARN be permitted to list his taxes & that of his Fathers Estate & be released from a double tax & also that of his mother. [p. 274]

Pitt County Augst Term 1864}
The bond of George A. DANCY County Court Clerk with James B. CHERRY, J. J. CHERRY, C. PERKINS & B. G. ALBRITTON as sureties was produced in open Court and proved by Germin BERNARD the subscribing witness. Bond ordered to be registered.

Ordered by the Court 7 Justices on the bench It appearing to the Court satisfaction of the Court that James A. TYSON is of good character. That said TYSON be licensed to retail spiritous liquors in the Town of Greenville for one year from this Court.

Edmund MOORE admr. of ____[FAINT] returns the inventory of the hire of negroes & rent of land for the year 1864.

ALEX LITTLE MURDER, FALKLAND, 1900

Tarboro Southerner, Tarboro, NC, Thurs., Dec. 27, 1900

Falkland Saturday was the scene of a cold-blooded murder with the only mitigating circumstance that the one who did the killing was crazed with drink. John PARKER had been acting as policeman. For sometime he had been drinking heavily. Saturday he met Alex LITTLE and told him that he heard that he, LITTLE, had said that no policeman could arrest him. LITTLE denied having said so. PARKER responded that if he did, he would let him know that there was one to do the deed. LITTLE again replied that he had said no such thing. PARKER said, "all right; let's take a drink, " and turned off for the purpose. LITTLE friendly slapped him on the shoulder, or placed his hand thereon, and PARKER wheeled around and shot at LITTLE three times, killing him. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder. PARKER made his way to Washington, intending to go to Cuba. Before he could get away he was caught and taken back to Pitt county where he is now in jail.

EDWARDS FAMILY FORTUNE, 1891

New Bern Daily Journal, New Bern, NC, May 10, 1891

HEIRS TO A BIG FORTUNE

A number of citizens of Craven and adjoining counties are taking steps to secure possession of valuable property in New York to which it is considered they are rightful heirs.

The property was left by Robert EDWARDS, a bachelor, who with his two brothers, moved to this country from Wales between 1770 and 1780. The property consists of thirty-five acres which then lay just outside the limits but which now is a part of the city of New York. It is assessed for taxes at $205,000,000, but the New York World estimates its real value at $267,000,000.

Before his death, Robert EDWARDS leased the property to another party for ninety-nine years and at the expiration of the lease it is understood that it was to go to the descendants of his brothers Uriah and John. These descendants are numerous and they consider that the time has come for them to enter into possession.

There are between 300 and 400 persons interested as heirs residing in several States. Nearly half the heirs in this State, mostly in the counties of Craven, Lenoir, Pitt, Greene and Wayne counties. If the claimants win, about one-fourth of the amount will come to this State.

The heirs are to hold a meeting in New York beginning May 21st with headquarters at the Williard.

The North Carolina branch of the heirs organized at Kinston and will be represented at the New York meeting by Co. I. A. SUGG, of Greenville.

The heirs who were present or represented at the meeting in Kinston were Mr. W. F. ROUNTREE and Maj. S. D. POPE, of New Berne; Col. I. A. SUGG, Messers. E. A. MOYE and C. D. ROUNTREE, of Greenville; Mr. A. R. HOLTON, of Pitt county; Messers. J. E. EDWARDS, Jr., J. J. EDWARDS and J. J. WARREN, of Greene county; and John B. HILL, W. F. STANLY, B. F. SCARBORO, Capt. W. J. POPE, J. E. F. HARPER, Moses SPIVEY, Mrs. Elbert EDWARDS and Rebecca KORNEGAY, of Lenoir county.

George Kittrell, Died in Well, 1902

Eastern Reflector, Greenville, NC, Fri., Aug. 1, 1902

Died in Well
Instantly Overcome By Gas

On Tuesday afternoon at Falkland Mr. George KITTRELL, met a sudden death under unusual circumstances. Mr. KITTRELL was an employee at the firm of Mr. J. E. FOUNTAIN. It was discovered that the large well which supplied water for the boilers at the mill was about to go dry, or was not affording enough water, and Mr. KITTRELL and Mr. FOUNTAIN went to make an examination. It was a covered well, and when a portion of the cover was removed Mr. KITTRELL started down. He had reached only a short distance below the surface when he threw up his hands as if struggling. Mr. FOUNTAIN, who was looking through the opening , caught one of Mr. KITTRELL'S hands and prevented his falling to the bottom of the well. He called for help which came quickly and Mr. KITTRELL was pulled out of the well, but was dead. A physician was summoned who said that Mr. KITTRELL'S death was instantaneous and was caused by gas in the well. A further examination of the well showed that it was impregnated with a deadly gas. Mr. KITTRELL leaves a wife and several children.

BENJAMIN HAWKINS TYSON LETTER, 1931

Found in the Tabitha DeVisconti Papers, ECU Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Mrs. Sara B. CLARKE
R.F.D. 3
Box 8
Washington, N.C.

March 21, 1931
Goldsboro, N.C.

My Dear Mrs. CLARKE,

Your kind letter of the 19th inst was forwarded from Raleigh to Pikeville where I live. Lawrence TYSON was General in the Spanish war and in the World war, his father was named Richard TYSON they lived near the old Tyson church near Farmville, N. C. in 9 miles of where I was borned. The Tysons came to this country in 1705 Aaron who was an Indian Hero killed fighting the Indians and Mathias both landed near Bath in Beaufort County in the above year named. Mathias had several children one was named Edmund he had a son named Edmund who was the father of Icabhod who was my grandfather, my fathers name was Benjamine and my name is Benjamine Hawkins TYSON my next birth day will be November 27th if I live I will be 87 years young, the Tysons family are scattered throughout the Southern States their name is Legion there is 100 of thousands in Pitt County we have a reunion once a year which takes place this year sometime in June at the old Tyson Meeting house near Farmville, N. C. the most of the Tysons were Primitave Baptist I was Confederate Veteran about four years surrendered with Lee at Appotamax April 9th, 1865 three years my comrades elected me as Brigidire General Commander of the 2nd Brigade N.C. Division. I have 18 camps under my charge to whom I am writing by todays mail in as much as your Husband married a Tyson I would be glad to meet you in June at the Tysons reunion meeting house near Farmville. Mrs. Eva Schalkerford is the President of the Association who will inform you what day in June the Tysons reunion accours. in conclusion I hope and trust that our Legislature will reduce the tax which has been an unjust burden upon them for many years, with kind regards, and all best wishes, I remain

Very Sincerely your briand
B. H. TYSON

Joseph Tillman Murder, Lenoir Co., NC, 1850

Tarboro Press, Tarboro, NC, Sat., Aug. 31, 1850

MURDER----A correspondent in Lenoir county writes us that a horrible murder was committed on Thursday the 15th inst. by young John TILLMAN, killing his uncle, Joseph TILLMAN, by shooting him with a rifle, and then beating his brains out with the barrel of the rifle. TILLMAN is now confined in the dungeon, to await his trial. *from the Newbernian.*

Recollections of Old Farmville, 1954

Daily Reflector, Greenville, NC, Sat., Aug. 7, 1954
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

At the July meeting of the Pitt County Historical Society, held in the Farmville Public Library, July 29, the members enjoyed a program in retrospect from the pages of the book of memories on the lives of J. L. JACKSON, Frank E. BROOKS and Mrs. Pearl M. JOHNSTON. These reminiscences dated back before and after 1890.

Mr. JACKSON, who has been the motivating spirit in collecting old books, documents and other articles of historical interest, had on display some Confederate notes of $1000.00 denomination issued by Wake County in 1875, an old Blue-Back Speller which was first published by Noah Webster in 1783 and a Practical Grammar of the English Language 1807, also a sequel to the Blue-Back Speller written by Noah's son, William G. Webster.

Mr. JACKSON told of the early schools in Craven and Pitt which he attended and gave many amusing incidents.

Mr. BROOKS said it was with mixed emotions that he visited Farmville as several of his best friends lived here who had passed away and who had helped in the growth of the town—J. T. THORNE, J. C. MONK, J. I. MORGAN, T. E. JOYNER, C. A. TYSON and M. V. HORTON. Referring to Greenville he said there had been swift changes and catastrophic events—the last hanging in Pitt County, the old market house with a dirt floor—when beefs were butchered on the week end, no ice—no refrigerator—no screens, the fire engine drawn by horses named Mike and Dan. They also pulled the first street sprinkler and the trash wagon. There was only one brick store and very few other business buildings, other than the thirteen saloons. There were many weekly drunks. There were only four street lamps, kerosene, and lighted nightly by Old Jack. Population of Greenville was 3000. It was an all day trip to Washington. To reach Raleigh by train it was necessary to change in Parmele and go by Goldsboro or Rocky Mount. He told of the county gates that had to be opened when traveling by horse and buggy. There was a ferry across the Tar River. He mentions the voluminous clothes women wore. Told of the first tobacco warehouse and first automobiles when horses had to be led by them. There were no paved streets or telephones, no electric lights. Life was very primitive.

Mrs. Pearl JOHNSTON gave early thoughts of her childhood and girlhood days in Farmville. She attended school in a small building where the present high school now is and paid five cents per day. The Blue-Back Speller was used, and spelling matches were held. She attended the Female Academy now known as the Horton Apartments. Here they had speeches, songs and dialogues monthly. Eventually boys attended this school and the boys and girls had to play on separate sides of the yard. In 1890 there were about 125 inhabitants with only about a half dozen children.

Her most vivid memories are of the early Post Office, as she practically grew up in it. The first postmaster she remembers was Thomas F. HILL and the building used was on Wilson Street near where Manly LILES office is now. This was about 1894. This building was about 20 feet long and had wooden shutters which were fastened with iron bars. Mrs. JOHNSTON at that time lived just across the street. Mr. HILL would give her rejected mail and she would play post office in her home. Then the Post Office was moved to a building where the Royal Grill now stands. A Mr. PHILLIPS and a Mr. JOYNER ran a dry goods and grocery store there. One corner was used for the Post Office and Mr. PHILLIPS was probably the Post Master. Her father became post master in 1889 and she was assistant. Upon the death of her father in 1890 her mother was appointed postmistress and then the post office was moved to her home back of the school. When they moved to the house on the spot where R. L. JOYNER now runs a filling station the post office went there too. In 1904, A. D. HILL was appointed postmaster and she was assistant in a small building on the lot where Mr. and Mrs. John D. DIXON have their residence. In 1913, Mrs. JOHNSTON'S husband became postmaster. She was again assistant. Before his appointment W. R. DIXON, then E. C. BEAMAN were postmasters. Upon Mr. JOHNSTON'S death in 1913, B. J. SKINNER took over and then W. G. GAY, then B.

O. TURNAGE. Following his death, H. D. JOHNSON became postmaster. In 1934 the post office was moved to its present location. Mrs. JOHNSTON said there were only about a dozen dwellings in Farmville when she was a child.

C. V. CANNON presided over the meeting. This was the first time the meeting had been held except in the Sheppard Memorial Library in Greenville. He expressed pleasure at the privilege of meeting in the farmville Public Library and of its beauty and complete equipment.

Miss Jesse Rountree MOYE reported that after a meeting by the committee on May 28th at her home in regards to the plaque to be put in the corridor of the Pitt County court house and a letter asking for an appropriation for same and members of the committee meeting with the county commissioners in June that she had received a letter from the County Commissioners granting an appropriation to commemorate the 30 signers of the resolution defying the British Parliament.

Order for the plaque will be sent in at once and further plans made for its erection.

Miss MOYE has spent several years working on this project to commemorate this event of historical value.

Dr. Martha M. PINGEL announced that tape recordings of a series of historical programs pertaining to Pitt County would be made this week and broadcast each week from Greenville radio station. She donated a book written by her, "Catalyst," to the Library.

Alton E. Mills, POW, 1945

Daily Reflector, Greenville, NC, Mon., June 11, 1945

PITT COUNTY BOY RETURNS

Radioman Alton E. Mills Among Liberated Prisoners

T-Sgt. Alton Eugene MILLS, radioman on a B-24 Liberator, American Eighth Airforce, whose plane was shot down over Bremen, Germany, on his eighth mission, in January 1944, is back home. He is a son of Mrs. Myrtle ROBERSON of Black Jack. He entered the Airforce in August 1942, and went overseas in July 1943.

MILLS said three of the Liberator's engines were shot out of commission by flak and German FochWolffs knocked out the fourth engine. The crew on nine baled out without injury, except one man, who broke an ankle. The German police took them to Frankfort-on-Main for questioning. After 10 days they were taken in freight cars to Krens, Austria, and were prisoners there for 15 months. The food consisted of small potatoes and weak soup and a little bread. The German guards did not provide medicine, but did supply some flea powder. MILLS said Red Cross packages of food and medicine saved the lives of many prisoners.

When the Germans heard the approaching Russian artillery fire near Vienna they marched the prisoners 200 miles in rain to woods near Brenau, Austria, Hitler's birthplace. To keep from being strafed by Allied planes the prisoners made small American flags and pinned them to the back of their blouses. The prisoners slept in barns and on the ground until a few days before the surrender, when the Third Army liberated them. The German guards surrendered and were taken to prison. Sgt. MILLS lost about a pound a day while marching from one prison to another, he said.

The Allied prisoners were taken to a German airfield and from there were flown to Le Havre in France. They arrived by steamer in Boston, Mass., and were taken to Camp Miles Standish.

Sgt. MILLS' closest call, excepting his baling out, was when German fighter planes shot off the glass top of his Liberator, the shell missing the gunner. He pulled the gunner below and supplied him with emergency oxygen and saved him from freezing in the frigid temperature.

MILLS won the Purple Heart, the Air Medal for combat missions over enemy territory, the ETO and ATO medals and the Good Conduct medal. After spending a 60 day furlough with his mother he will go to Miami Beach, Fla., Redistribution Center for reassignment to duty.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY DEATH CERTIFICATES

The following are selected death certificates found in the Edgecombe County Court House, Tarboro, NC.
Obviously not all information is given, but these are meant as leads to find names.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Henry HUDSON (md. Lovey) b. July 4, ___ Pitt Co., d. Oct. 27, 1921 in Tarboro; buried Greenwood Cem., Tarboro
F: H. H. HUDSON, b. Pitt County
M: Sallie J. ARNOLD, b. Pitt County

James R. COBB, aged 21 days b. Edgecombe Co., d. Oct. 10, 1921
F: Jonas COBB, b. Edgecombe County
M: Claudia MANGUM, b. Pitt County

Gussie BRILEY, age abt. 12, b. Pitt Co., d. Nov. 13, 1921 Tarboro; shot in stomach; buried near Bethel, NC
F: Cornelius BRILEY, b. Pitt County
M: Hattie KEEL, b. Edgecombe County

Levy E. EDWARDS, aged abt. 66, b. Edgecombe Co., d. Nov. 18, 1921 in Tarboro
F: Levey EDWARDS, b. Edgecombe County
M: Mary FORD, b. Edgecombe County

William J. JAMES, age 68, b. Pitt Co., d. Dec. 31, 1921 near Bethel, NC
F: Aug. JAMES, b. Pitt County
M: ????

Mrs. Ada CLARK (md. B. O.) age 47, b. Pitt Co., d. Jan. 7, 1922
F: Moses TEEL, b. Pitt County
M: Almeta TEEL, b. Pitt County

Josephus BRILEY (md. Annie D.) age 54, b. Pitt Co., d. Jan. 6, 1922
F: Marcellus BRILEY, b. Pitt County
M: Louise WHITEHURST, b. Pitt County

Mrs. Nannie EDWARDS (md. Thomas S.) b. 1882 in Pitt Co., d. Jan. 17, 1922
F: Ed EDWARDS, b. Pitt County
M: Kate EDWARDS, b. Pitt County

Lamuel L. TAYLOR, b. Feb. 29, 1856 in Pitt Co., d. Jan. 31, 1922
F: Lamuel ROSS, b. ??
M: Nancy HIGHSMITH, b. Pitt County

Frankey May PITT, b. Oct. 10, 1882 in Martin Co., d. Mar. 29, 1922
F: J. H. GRIMES, b. Martin County
M: Penny BRYANT, b. Martin County

Miss Annie Lee ROSS, b. Dec. 1828 in Edgecombe Co., d. May 7, 1922
F: Hubbard ROSS, b. Martin County
M: Mamie HUDSON, b. Edgecombe County

Frank LAUGHINGHOUSE, b. 1880 in Pitt Co., d. July 1, 1922 in Tarboro, NC
F: ???
M: ????

Abraham DENNIS, age 65, b. Pitt Co., d. July 18, 1922
F: Abraham THOMAS
M: ???

Baker Montgomery LEGGETT, b. June 6, 1846 in Edgecombe Co., d. Aug. 30, 1922
F: Nora (Noah) LEGGETT, b. Pitt County
M: Martha BRADLEY, b. Edgecombe County

Vannie A. WORSLEY (md. Robert) age 25, b. July 1, ____Pitt Co., d. Sept. 30, 1922 in Tarboro
F: John EUBANKS, b. Pitt County
M: Amanda DAVENPORT, b. Pitt County

Edward COBB (md. Lucie) b. Sept. 18, 1867 in Pitt Co., d. Oct. 18, 1922 in Rocky Mount, NC; buried Sparta
F: William COBB, b. Pitt County
M: Elizabeth COBB

Mary Jane TUCKER (md. George M.) age 62, b. Greene Co., NC, d. Nov. 22, 1922 at Whitakers, NC
F. Epenetus HARDY, b. Greene Co., NC
M: Susan NELSON, b. Pitt County

Henry Thomas JEFFERSON, b. Jan. 28, 1874 in Pitt Co., d. Nov. 7, 1922
F: H. C. JEFFERSON, b. Pitt County
M: Ann LANG, b. Pitt County

J. W. VENTERS, widowed, age 56, b. Georgia, d. Dec. 28, 1922
PARENTS ??
Buried near Ayden, NC

Zilphia E. LANG (md. John A.) b. Dec. 25, 1852 in Martin Co., NC, d. Dec. 13, 1922
F: John T. BAKER, b. Pitt County
M: Nancy HORTON, b. Martin County, NC
INFORMANT: John I. BAKER, Sister Maria, Va.

Sidney SPAIN, b. Dec. 1857 in Pitt Co., d. Feb. 2, 1923 in Tarboro, NC
F: Fred SPAIN, b. Pitt County
M: Sallie BRADY, b. Pitt County

Joshua HARRELL (md. Barry Ann) b. 1861 in Pitt Co., d. Feb. 9, 1923
F: Hasseltine HARRELL, b. Pitt County
M: Bithia SPENCER, b. Pitt County
INFORMANT: Cad HARRELL, Tarboro, NC (son)

Samuel Vines KING, b. Mar. 24, 1879 at Falkland, NC, d. Mar. 24, 1923 at Tarboro, NC; of stomach cancer
F: John KING, b. Falkland, NC
M: Sally Fanny BYNUM, b. Farmville, NC

Joseph John FULFORD, b. Pitt Co., d. Mar. 1, 1923
F: Redden Bryant FULFORD, b. Pitt County
M: Martha EDWARDS, b. Greene Co., NC

Noah JACKSON, age 89, b. Beaufort Co., d. Mar. 14, 1923
F: Billie JACKSON, b. Beaufort Co., NC
M: Winnie SWANNER, b. Beaufort Co., NC

Mrs. Patty ALFORD (md. J. W.) age 47, b. Pitt Co., d. Mar. 14, 1923 at Conetoe
PARENTS ???
Buried near Bethel, NC

Mrs. Della Ann NORVILLE, b. Apr. 1, 1859 in Pitt Co., d. Mar. 2, 1923
F: Tom DUNN, b. Pitt County
M: Betsy DUNN, b. Pitt County

Mrs. Mary A. HARDEE, b. Jan. 1841 in Pitt Co., d. June 2, 1923 in Tarboro, NC; buried Kinston, NC
F: Elias TURNAGE, b. Pitt County
M: Lucy HOOKER, b. Pitt County

John Burton STOKES, aged 3 months, b. Edgecombe Co., d. June 19, 1923 at Conetoe; buried near Ayden, NC
F: J. G. STOKES, b. Pitt County
M: Lyla KITTRELL, b. Pitt County

Mrs. Rosa Summerlin KEEL (md. Walter C.) b. Dec. 12, ___, d. June 4, 1923 in Tarboro, NC
F: Sidney SUMMERLIN, b. NC
M: Martha EDWARDS, b. NC

Wm. Samuel CLARK (md. Lossie GRIST) b. Jun. 19, 1846 near Hamilton, Martin Co., d. June 12, 1923 Tarboro
F: Samuel S. CLARK, b. NC
M: Mary WATSON, b. NC

Mrs. Catherine HARRISS (md. Tom E.) age 71, b. Pitt Co., d. July 10, 1923 in Tarboro
F: Washington CRISP, b. Pitt County
M: Nancy ANDREWS, b. Pitt County

Joel A. WARD, age 78, b. Pitt Co., d. July 19, 1923 in Tarboro, NC
F: Joel WARD, b. Pitt County
M: Mary Louisa BRITTON, b. Williamston, NC

Mrs. Nancy Ellen Fountain MAYO (md. John) age 58, b. Edgecombe Co., d. Nov. 13, 1923
F: Laurence FOUNTAIN, b. Edgecombe County
M: Mary Eliza COTTON, b. b. Pitt County

Mrs. Ann B. WHITEHURST (md. L. L.) age 39, b. Pitt Co., d. Dec. 15, 1923 in Tarboro, NC
F: W. J. JAMES, b. Pitt County
M: Rebecca BRADY, b. Edgecombe County

Mrs. Margaret Ann TYSON, age 84, b. Greenville, NC, d. Jan. 4, 1924 in Rocky Mount, NC
F: L. ALFORD, b. Edgecombe County
M: Sarah MAYO, b. Edgecombe County

Nathan Jones MAYO, b. June 19, 1853 in Martin Co., d. Jan. 30, 1924
F: B. C. MAYO, b. Edgecombe County
M: Eulynia JONES, b. Edgecombe County

Charlie POLLARD, age 38, b. Edgecombe Co., d. Feb. 11, 1924, being thrown from a cart
F: Ben R. POLLARD, b. Pitt County
M: Tabitha BARROW, b. Edgecombe County

Mrs. Lou SHIRLEY, b. Apr. 10, 1842 in Pitt Co., d. Feb. 4, 1924 in Tarboro, NC
F: Caswell HORNE, b. Pitt County
M: Mary HORNE, b. Pitt County

Mrs. Katie SPAIN, b. Pitt Co., d. Mar. 2, 1924 in Tarboro, NC
F: _____WARREN, b. Pitt County
M: Lovey WARREN, b. Pitt County

Mrs. Lina WEBB (md. E. E.) age 35, b. Edgecombe Co., d. June 22, 1924 in Tarboro, NC
F: Benjamin PHILLIPS, b. Edgecombe County
M: Henrietta BRIDGERS, b. Pitt County

David HARRELL (md. Fannie) age 55, b. Martin Co., NC, d. June 10, 1924 in Tarboro, NC'
F: John HARRELL
M: Charity GRIMES

Mrs. Lillie HOLLAND (md. Job) age 28, b. Pitt Co., d. July 20, 1924 in Tarboro, NC
F: Henry JAMES, b. Pitt County
M: ??

Elisha WORSLEY (md. Harriette) b. Mar. 20, 1854 in Edgecombe Co., d. July 30, 1924 in Tarboro, NC
F: L. B. WORSLEY, b. Edgecombe County
M: Harriette CRISP, b. Edgecombe County

Mrs. Mary Jane JENKINS (md. Henry) b. Nov. 16, 1838 in Pitt Co., d. July 18, 1924
F: Redmond DUPREE, b. Pitt County
M: Margaret DUPREE, b. Pitt County

John Daniel ATKINSON, age 57, single, b. Edgecombe Co., d. July 16, 1924 in Pinetops, NC
F: William ATKINSON, b. Edgecombe County
M: Mary PITT, b. Edgecombe County

Moye Family Marriages

From the marriage index located in the Register of Deeds Office, Pitt County Courthouse, Greenville, NC. This collection lists all the white entries through 1900.
Transcribed and contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

Key to Format:
Groom (age) Groom's Father & Mother
Bride (age) Bride's Father & Mother
Date of marriage. Township. Performing official. Witnesses

Moye, A. A. (36) W. D. Moye & Sarah E.
Woolerson, Nancy (19) ng & Nancy Elmore
Dec. 23, 1883. Farmville. E. A. Moye
W. D. Moye, Lawrence A. Easton

Moye, Abram J. (31) James W. Moye & Henrietta L.
Edwards, Cora E. (25) N. D. Edwards & Mary
Jan. 15, 1885. Farmville. M. T. Moye, Min.
Jos. G. Moye, W. M. Lang, Moses Turnage

Moye, Benjamin (23) George Moye & Gracy
Crawford, Orpha (18) Calvin Crawford & Susan
Apr. 8, 1883. Contentnea. T. N. Manning, Min.
J. B. Ellis, W. C. Jackson, J. W. Dail

Moye, E. A. (53) Alfred Moye & Orpah
Quinerly, D. A. (38) W. M. King & D. A.
Nov. 12, 1895. Greenville twsp. M. T. Moye
G. B. King, Jesse Speight, S. C. Wells

Moye, Dr. E. A. (27) E. A. Moye & Mary L.
Forbes, Hortense (24) A. Forbes & Clara J.
Feb. 24, 1897. Greenville twsp. N. M. Watson
H. W. Whedbee, D. D. Haskitt, J. L. Little

Moye, George (71) Geo. Moye & Ferebee
White, Franky (41) ng
Apr. 19, 1893. Contentnea. J. J. May, JP
T. F. Nobles, R. H. Kittrell, W. B. Stocks

Moye, Geo. W. (23) Geo. Moye & Gracy
Case, Margaret (18) Chas. Case & Fannie
Nov. 3, 1889. Beaver Dam. J. W. Smith
W. W. Worthington, J. H. Manning, W. G. Case

Moye, James A. (24) Geo. Moye & Gracy
Tyson, Emma (19) Thomas Tyson & Lurinda
Jan. 28, 1896. Contentnea. Fred McLauhon
C. D. Hooks, Wm. Moye, J. S. McLauhon

Moye, Jesse R. (38) A. D. Moye & Martha J.
Higgs, S. Novella (21) N. J. Higgs & Williamann Savage
Jan. 20, 1897. Greenville twsp. N. M. Watson
J. G. Moye, J. B. Cherry, C. M. Jones

Moye, Josephus (19) William Moye & Mary
Smith, Marth Ann (19) Henry Smith & Katie
Feb. 1, 1880. Contentnea. T. N. Manning, Min.
J. B. Ellis, J. W. Garris, E. Harriss

Moye, Macon G. (21) William Moye & Mary
Nobles, Florence L. (17) Simon J. Nobles & Mary
Feb. 7, 1877. Greenville twsp. Fred. McGlawhorn, Min.
Wm. J. Fulford, W. W. Worthington, Moses W. Tyson

Moye, R. M. (29) E. A. Moye & Mary L.
Barnhill, Lillie (19) C. Barnhill & Malissa
Nov. 14, 1900. Bethel. N. M. Watson, JP
Clara B. Forbs, R. L. Carr, Jas. L. Little

Moye, W. B. George Moye & Mary
Tucker, Catherine B. Calvin Tucker & Nancy C.
June 2, 1872. At Nancy C. Tucker's. Gideon Allen, Min.

Moye, W. C. (22) Wm. Moye & Bethania
Sumerell, Queenie V. (17) Craven Summerel & Lydia
Jan. 4, 1893. Contentnea. J. M. Barfield
W. L. McLawhorn, J. B. Pierce, Noah May

Moye, William (21) William Moye & Mary
Hart, Nancy G. (17) Jackson Hart & Mary
Jan. 12, 1885. Contentnea. T. N. Manning, Min.
R. A. Nichols, W. G. Garris, L. H. Kittrell

Moye, Wm. D. (32) W. D. Moye & Sarah E.
Dail, Fannie (17) Joseph Dail & Susan
Dec. 14, 1881. Farmville. Gideon Allen, Min.
W. M. Lang, A. J. Moye, R. L. Joyner

Beddard, H. C. (45) Oliver Beddard & Betsy
Moye, Frankie (46) ng & Polly Jones
Mar. 26, 1896. Contentnea. E. D. Beaten or Braten?
Woodie McLohon

Coward, Franklin M. (27) James Coward & Thany Moye
Mozingo, Clary Ann (40) Absolom Suggs & Clarky Clark
Nov. 27, 1877. Contentnea. B. S. Sheppard, JP
Joseph L. Ballard, Richard Harriss, Wm. A. Elks

Cox, Walter H. (25) John H. Cox & Julia
Moye, Lizzie D. (21) J. E. Moye & Mary
Sept. 20, 1893. Swift Creek. Alban Greaves
Annie B. Harding, W. F. Harding, N. H. Tripp

Flynn, Thos. M. (32) M. F. Flynn & Aritta
Moye, Josephine (25) W. J. Moye & Henrietta L.
May 9, 1894. Farmville twsp. M. F. Moye
W. G. Lang, E. A. Moye, Jr., J. A. Lang

Goodrich, T. E. (21) Lewis Goodrich & ng
Moye, Mollie E. (18) McKin Moye & Florence
(no date; application dated Oct. 31, 1896). Contentnea. Fred McLawhon
L. J. Hobgood, J. R. Smith

Harrington, G. W. (23) Joab Harrington & Priscilla
Moye, Alice (20) Josephus Moye & M. A.
Dec. 19, 1900. Greenville twsp. T. N. Manning, MG
M. M. Williams, T. G. Manning

Hart, Richard Robert D. Hart & Martha
Eason, Mary B. Wm. Moye & ng
Jan. 17, 1872. place ng. R. D. Hart

Hines, David (38) George Hines & ng
Moye, Margaret (22) George Moye & Gracy
Feb. 14, 1886. Contentnea. Ricd. Williams, JP
J. T. Smith, Josephus Moye. William Moye

Kittrell, John S. Jonathan Kittrell & Rebecca
Moye, Mary E. George Moye & Gracy
Dec. 21, 1870. Contentnea. T. N. Manning, Min.

Newsom, Jasper H. (26) ng
Moye, Florence (23) L. G. Rouse & Emily
Jan. 23, 1890. Swift Creek. S. S. Rasberry
J. R. Harvey

Proctor, Sylvester John Proctor & Susan
Moye, Allice J. Wm. D. Moye & Sarah E.
Mar. 15, 1872. place ng. Josephus Latham, Min.

Waters, A. M. (23) Major Waters & Livia
Moye, Gula (19) Meekin Moye & Florrina
May 3, 1899. Greenville twsp. C. L. Little
W. R. Jackson, Fenner Ange

Williams, Robert (27) David Williams & Francis
Moye, Susan (21) Geo. Moye & Gracy
Feb. 14, 1877. Contentnea. Fred McGlawhorn, Min.
Jes B. Ellis, Jno. S. Kittrell, Benj. E. Moye

Fleas Broke Up Church Meetings, 1905

The Washington Post, Washington, D.C., Mar. 11, 1905

Pigs, goats, and fleas are the subject of proposed legislation by the General Assembly of North Carolina. In Pitt County churches appear to have been erected on a plan that puts the floor several feet above the ground, with openings between the pillars. Hogs and goats have sought the convenient shelter of this space, until the soil on which the churches stand has become one part sand and two parts fleas. In consequence, religious services have been broken up and congregations dismissed from worship at very inopportune times with alarming frequency. The nuisance has become so great that the members of the General Assembly from Pitt County have introduced bills to require the owners of hogs and goats running at large to fence in the churches, so as to keep these animals from roosting under them.

Bible Records

Josephus Smith Family Bible

The Smith family bible was owned by Charles Loyd Godley, grandson of William D. Godley of Aurora, NC. This record was found in the Rev. Ivey James Wall, Jr. Collection, #1068, ECU Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Josephus Smith was born Dec 19, 1809

Sydney Patrick Smith was born August 29, 1810

Josephus Smith and Sydney Patrick was married Jan 1, 1831

Rodey Smith was born March 7, 1832

Charles ____ Smith was born Oct 12, 1835

Ann Smith was born Oct 7, 1836

Wm. E. Smith was born Jan 8, 1839

William Ross Bible Record

This record appeared in the book, *"Life and Times of Elder Reuben Ross, by his son, James Ross,"* published ca. 1882. The book is found online in the Eastern North Carolina Digital Library, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. According to the book..."William Ross was the father of ten children, of whom Reuben was the youngest son. Three of his brothers were in the war of the Revolution, and two of them, Martin and James, became Baptist ministers. His grandfather, William Ross, a descendant of these supposed traditional ancestors, emigrated from Virginia to Martin County, North Carolina; date unknown.

"A further account of the family from an old family record was brought to Tennessee from North Carolina in 1833. "William Ross, Senior, of Martin County, was the son of William Ross, formerly of the State of Virginia, who came to this State, namely North Carolina, and settled in the above-named county. William Ross, Senior, the father of the children whose names are under-written, was born on the 9th of August, 1731, O. S., and departed this life the 25th of December, 1801. "His funeral sermon was preached to a very large audience, by the Rev. Aaron Spivy, from Job 2:17. 'There the wicked cease from troubling and the weary be at rest.' William Ross, Senior, married in 1756 to Mary Griffin. The names and births of the children are as follows:

John, born September 3rd, 1757

William, born January 17th, 1760

Martin, born November 27th, 1762

Winifred, born March 9th, 1765

Nannie, born March 26th, 1767

James, born March 19th, 1769

Mary, born February 11th, 1771

Nathan, born November 2nd, 1773

Reuben, born May 9th, 1776

Elizabeth, born May 3rd, 1779"

Mannen (Manning) Bible Records

Bible was in the possession of Mrs. Muriel Buchanan, Kansas City, Missouri. Typed copy of the record found in the genealogical papers of Lawrence Manning, Bethel, NC.

Notations:

J. D. Mannen's Testament bot of Elder Calahous February 9, 1854

Born October 7, 1800 Edgecomb County, North Carolina

My father, Hardy Mannen removed to Warren County, Kentucky, in the spring of 1807 and lived three years at McFadden Station five miles of Bowling Green. Signed J. D. Mannen

Births

James Hardy Mannen born 25th December 1824
Nancy born November 22, 1827
Lucinda P. born 8th July 1829
Sarah H. born June 9, 1832
Henry Clay born 5th October 1834
J. Underwood, born 26th August 1838
Mary E. born September 11 1841
Ermin Ford born September 4 1845

Marriages

W. R. Mannen and Mariah Hall were married August 14, 1833
William R. Mannen born June 10, 1810, died Dec. 14, 1878
Mariah H. Mannen born October 4, 1814, died Sept. 15, 1880

Children of above:
Elisabeth A. Mannen born July 8, 1834
Henry H. Mannen born August 9, 1835, died December 15, 1863
Pamelia J. Mannen born May 8, 1837
Thomas M. Mannen born November 9, 1838 died January 15, 1885
Annetta R. Mannen born February 15, 1840; died April 26, 1864
Ann Eliza Mannen born August 5, 1842
William Hardy Mannen born May 1st, 1844, died April 12, 1849
Archibald J. Mannen born July 26, 1846
John M. Mannen born June 1st, 1848
Mary Landden born October 28, 1851
Narcissus E. Mannen born April 10, 1853
Alice Adelia Mannen born October 6, 1855
Effie Frances Mannen –

William F. Hand and Elisabeth A. Mannen were married December 9, 1852
Henry Harrison Mannen and Sylvia D. Craig were married February 25, 1856
Pamelia J. Mannen and John Young were married –
Annetta Rebecca Mannen and David Baylor were married --

Thomas M. Mannen to Eliza Ellen Hoagg married April 13, 1862

Noah Beaman Bible Records

This bible record was taken from scanned pages of the original record, owned and shared by Mrs. Blanche Butts, Greene Co., NC. The Noah Beaman Bible Record pages appear to be stuck in a later Holy Bible, published by William W. Harding , Philadelphia, 1860.

FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES

Rachel Beemon was married February 1819

Edmund Beemon Son of Noah Beemon was Married January the 27 AD 1820

Whitmill Beemon was maried December the 29th 1825

John Beemon was maried January the 31st in the year of our Lord 1826

BIRTHS

Winifred Beeman Daughter of Noah Beeman & Ann his wife was born January 7th 1795---

Edmund Beeman Son of of Noah Beeman & Ann his wife was born January the 29th AD 1796

Rachel Beeman Daughter of Noah Beeman & Ann his wife was born March 18th 1797

Mary Beeman Daughter of Noah Beeman & Ann his wife was born April [TORN] 1798

Jeremiah Beeman Son of Noah Beeman & Ann his wife was born February the 15th 1800

John Beeman Son of Noah Beeman & Ann his wife was born December 28th 1801

Whitmill Beeman Son of Noah Beeman & Ann his wife was born June the 12th 1803

Benjamin Beeman Son of Noah Beeman & Ann his wife was born November the 17th 1804

Sarah Beeman Daughter of Noah Beeman & Ann his wife was born December 10th 1806

Noah Beeman Son of Noah Beeman & Ann his wife was born January 7th 1809

William Beeman Son of Noah Beeman & Ann his wife was born June 29th 1810

Nancy Beeman Daughter of Noah Beeman & Ann his wife was born October the 13th 1811

Martha an Beeman Daughter of Noah Beeman and Ann his wife was born June the 27th 1813

Rufus Cisero Decator Beeman was Born ---May the 14th 1839

Romulaus Jans? washington Beeman was Born Febuary 22st 1832

Nancy ann Sora? Beeman was born March the 7th 1835

Martha ann Rachel Beeman was born April the 11th 1837

DEATHS

Nancy Beeman wife of Noah Beeman Whho was Daughter of John B. Brand Died the 21st day of September A.D 1822

Jeremiah Beeman son of Noah Beeman Senr. decest July 22—1824

Nancy Beeman daughter of Noah Beeman decest August 2st= 1824

Benjamin Beeman son of Noah Beeman deceast August 9th –1824

Winifred Beeman Daughter of Noah Beeman Deceast August the 29th 1824

Noah Beeman son of Edmund Beeman Decd March? the 5th day AD 1824

Rachel Moore wife of Lemuel Moore Daughter of Noah Beeman Senr Died the 17th day of February 1831

John Beeman son of Noah Beeman Sen. Died the 27th day of Nov 1856

Rutha Beeman Daughter of James & Martha Jones and wife of John Beeman Died 12th day of Sept 1863

Nancy ann Sara Beeman Daughter John Beeman & Beetha his wife Died the 22th September 1837

Donpedro B. W Beeman son of John Beeman & Rutha his wife Died April 4th 1841

Martha A R Beeman daughter of John Beeman and Rutha his wife Died 22nd day of Aug. 1863

John M Fields was born the 27 day of June 1835
Frances An Fields his wife was born the 27 of March 1837
Rachel L Fields his wife was bornde the 5 of november 1843
Mary Louise Parker daughter of James & Martha Parker was born 1 day of Aug 1910
Louvenia Dixon of James & Martha Parker was born the 5 of Aug 1912
James Morris of James & Martha Parker was born May 19th, 1914
Bobbie Charlotte daughter of James & Martha was borned Apr 28 1917
Martha Rachel Parker daug of J M & Martha Parker was borned Nov 16 1919

Celia Eveline Speight Beaman Daughter of Romulous & Mary Beaman was born the 19th Day of Nov 1876
Ruth Daughter of Rom & Mary Beaman was born Oct 1877 the 16 day
Rufus C L Beaman son of R J W & Mary E Beaman was born 29th Sept 1880
Mary Henrietta Beaman daughter of R J W & Mary E Beaman was born 5th ? of November 1882
Martha Ann Rachel Beeman daughter of R J W & Mary E Beaman was borned Sept 21st 1884.
John Robertson of R J W & M E Beaman was borned Dec 20th 1886

Frances Ann Fields Died December the 1st 1859
Rachel L Fields died December the 13th 1861
John. M. Fields Dide December the 18th 18.62
Celias E S Beaman daughter of R J W & Mary Beaman died 20 of Sept 1881 age 5 years 10 months & 1 day
R. J. W. Beaman son of John R. & Rutha Beaman died Feb. 24th 1897, age 65 yrs. & 2 days
Martha A R Parker died July 3 1920
Mary E Beaman daughter of Rev George Joyner & Mrs. Joyner died February 1 1941. age 91 yrs. 3 mo. 28 days
Granny Born Oct 8, 1849

John M Fields & Fannie A Fields was Married the 23 of December 1858
John M Fields & Rachel L Fields his wife was married the 4 day of December 1860
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The following is found in the Beaufort County Pleas and Quarter Sessions Court minutes, November Court 1845.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Personally appeared in open Court Redding GRIST aged Eighty Two years, and maketh oath that he was well acquainted with John LAUGHINGHOUSE of Pitt County, North Carolina.

That this affiant entered the Revolutionary services in April 1781 that John LAUGHINGHOUSE was also in the service with him, had several marches with said John at Greenville mustered with him several times, the said Redding went on with the Militia to Kinston in pursuit of the Tories, and the said John LAUGHINGHOUSE went off in company with the regulars to join Genl. Greens army. The said John LAUGHINGHOUSE was afterwards as this affiant was informed and believes under the Command of Capt. SHARPE, and this affiant maketh oath that the said John LAUGHINGHOUSE was about with the army more than twelve months, that it was generally believed the said John was at the battle of Eutaw that he was wounded in the groin and in the left arm, for this affiant saw the scars on the said John, as far as this affiant Knows the said John LAUGHINGHOUSE was honourably discharged, it was so generally understood and believed, as well as this affiant can recollect, (and he feels sure of this from other circumstances happening about the time), the said John LAUGHINGHOUSE departed this life about the month of August 1831, that said John LAUGHINGHOUSE, left heirs, surviving at his death, two sons Joseph & Edward and two daughters Mary Ann & Elizabeth

Reading GRIST

Personally appeared in open Court Reading GRIST and maketh oath that he was well acquainted with Isiah Harding of Beaufort County that said affiant entered the service with said Isiah HARDING abouth the month of April 1781, that said Israel HARDING and this affiant mustered together at Greenville in this state for some time, that the said Isiah Harding went in when they parted to join the regular army and this affiant went with the Militia in pursuit of the tories that this affiant Knows the said Isiah HARDING was about for twelve months, and returned in Company with John LAUGHINGHOUSE and Thomas BLOUNT, it was always understood and believed that the said Israel HARDING served out his time faithfully and was honourably discharged, that the said Israel was a near neighbour of this affiant and died about May 1824 that the said Israel HARDING left three sons Henry, Israel & Nathaniel, that the said Israel HARDING was at the battle of Eutaw, as this affiant often heard from his fellow soldiers.

Reading GRIST

Personally appeared in open Court Reading GRIST aged Eighty two years and maketh oath that he was well acquainted with Thomas LAUGHINGHOUSE Sr of Pitt County, that said LAUGHINGHOUSE was a near neighbour of this affiant, this affiant has always understood that said Thomas LAUGHINGHOUSE enlisted in the regular service during the Revolutionary war, that said Thomas LAUGHINGHOUSE was about during the service for several years, that this affiant has freaquently heard said LAUGHINGHOUSE speak of being in the battle at Germantown, that said LAUGHINHOUSE returned after his several years of service and was frequently seen by this affiant, that this affiant does not recollect at what time said LAUGHINGHOUSE died, that said LAUGHINGHOUSE left a widow which lived several years after his death, that said LAUGHINGHOUSE was honourably discharged as this affiant has always heard.

Reading GRIST

ABRAHAM TYSON'S ESTATE, 1802

This record, transcribed from microfilm, is found in Pitt County Deed Book P, pages 213-217.
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State of North Carolina Pitt County} August term 1802

The petition of your petitioner and Amos WILSON and Dicey his wife, Jacob TISON, Jacob JOINER and Sarah his wife, and Polly TISON by her guardian Jacob JOINER Tempy TISON Elizabeth TISON by their guardian Amos WILSON Bowen TISON & Honor TISON by their Guardian Honor TISON Humbly Sheweth unto your worships that they are by the death of Abraham TISON Tenants in common of about five hundred and Seventy five Acres of land lying in the said County and considerable personal property consisting in negroes &ca. your Petitioners being the heirs of the Said Abraham TISON they therefore pray your worships would by the power and authority in you vested by act of Assembly in the like case maid and provided, would appoint Commissioners according to said act to make partition of the land land and Division of the personal property among your petitioners and they as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed Amos WILSON & others.

the above is a true Copy of the petition filed which the Commissioners will be governed by.

George EVANS Clk

State of North Carolina

To the Sheriff of Pitt County County Greeting you are hereby commanded to summon Arthur FORBES James RANDOPH, Jessee RANDOLPH, Randal JOHNSON and Sherrod HINES commissioners to meet on a day by you to be appointed on the land belonging to Heirs of Abraham TISON decd. then & there to divide the same amongst the legal representatives of said decd. likewise to divide the personal estate of the decd. among the legal Heirs according to act of Assembly and when having so done to make report of their proceedings to the next Term of this Court to be held for Pitt County at the Court House in Greeneville on the first Monday in November next herein fail not witness

George EVANS Clerk of our said Court the first monday in August 1802—Issd. 19th August 1802

George EVANS Clk.

Pursuant to an order of Pitt Court August Term 1802 to us the undersigned Commissioners directed to lay off and Divide and apropriate the lands of Abraham TYSON dec'd among his legal representatives of said Decd. we have laid off and divided the lands as follows Vizt

Lot No. 1 we have laid off and set a part unto Sarah JOINER wife of Jacob JOINER and Daughter of the said Decd. her share in the following manner Begining at a Hicory Benjamin MAYS Sen. corner of his BECTON land near the run of the Pine logg Swamp then runnng So 76 deg. Et. 122 pole to a stake MAYS other corner then with MAYS other line So 68 poles to a post oak said MAYS other corner of his BECTON then along the Other line of said land So 80 degrees E 61 poles to a stake and large pine RILANDS corner then runing one of the Dividing lines No 30½ degrees west 224 pole to a run of the pine logg Swamp then down the run and windings of the swamp opposit of the Beginning then south 76 degrees Et to the begining Including the dwelling house and orchard. Containing 64½ Acres of land valued at £60.15.0. brought forward £60.15.0

Lot No. 1 Jacob JOINER and wife to pay Elizabeth TISON the sum of £11.2.7½

Lot No. 1 Jacob JOINER and wife to pay Bowen TISON No. 3 1-3-6¾ equal share 48~8~9¾

Lott No. 2 we have laid off set apart unto Tempy TISON daughter of said Decd. her Share in the following manner Begining at a stake by a large pine Benoney RILANDS corner in MAYS line and the fourth corner of Lott No. 1 then runing RILANDS line No 21 Et 82 poles to the center of four trees in a pond then from the four oaks in a pond we run No. 38 degrees west 224 poles to the run of the pine logg Swamp it being a Dividing line between Tempy TISON and Bowen TISON then down the run and windings of the pine logg Swamp to a pine the upper corner of JOINERS lott then his line So 30¼ degrees Et. 224 pole to the begining containing 68½ Acres of land Valued at 15/ per acre £51.7.6

Lott No. 2 Tempy Tyson to pay lot No. 3 Bowen TISON the sum of 2.18.8¼ proportion 48.8.9 ¾

Lott No. 3 We have laid off & set apart unto Bowing TISON one of the Heirs of said dec'd his share as followeth: Begining at a small Oak on RILANDS line in the center of four trees Temply TISONS corner then runing her line No. 38 degrees west 224 pole to the run of the pine logg Swamp then with the run of the pine logg Swamp to where the little branch Emties into said pine logg Swamp then up the run of little branch and windings thereof, it being a Dividing line between Joab TISON and said Heirs to the head of said branch to a pine a dividing corner between Abraham TISON, Joab TISON and Benoney Riland then RILANDS line south 21 Wt to the Begining Containing forty one Acres & three fourths Valued @ 20/ per acre £41.15.
lott No. 1 Jacob JOINER & wife to pay lott No. 3 Bowen TISON 1.3.6¾
lott No. 2 Tempy TISON to pay lot No. 3 Bowen TISON 2.18.8¼
lott No. 4 Honor TISON to pay lott No. 3 Bowen TISON 2.11.6½ 48.8.9½

Lott No. 4 we have laid off and set apart unto Dicey WILLSON wife of Amos WILLSON daughter of said Decd. her share in the following manner Vizt Beginning at a maple HURTEL branch at the mouth of little branch that runs through the HURTELS Branch field then runing No 38 Wt 106 poles through HURTELS branch field in several small pines in Joab TISONS line then along his line South 70 Wt 63 pole to a pine Joab TISONS & Abraham TISONS corner in a little pocosin then their line then South 76 pole to their corner then So 44 Et 64 pole then South 58 Et 22 pole to a poplar in the fork of HURTELS branch and **the School house branch** then up the run and windings of HURTELS Branch to the Begining Containing Seventy five Acres valued at 12/6 per Acre £46.17.6
Lott No. 5 Joab TISON to pay lot No. 4 Amos WILLSON & wife Dicey the sum of 1.3.8¼
Lott No. 6 Honor TISON to pay lott No. 4 Amos WILLSON & Wife the sum of 7.7½ 48.8.9¾

Lott No. 5 We have laid off and set apart unto Joab TISON one of the heirs of said Decd. his share in the following manner Viz. Begining at a maple at the mouth of a little branch that runs through HURTILS branch field then runing along WILSONS line No 38 degrees Wst 106 to several Small pines in Joab TISONs Senr. line then along his line no. 70 degrees East 197 pole to TISONS old line then South 10 degrees East 84 pole to TILONS corner on HURTILS branch then Down the run of HURTILS branch and windings thereof to the begining Containing 99¼ Acres of land Valued @ 10/ per acre £49.12.6
Lott No. 5 Joab TISON to pay lot No. 4 Amos WILLSON & wife Dicey 1.3.8¼ £48.8.9¾

Lott No. 6. we have laid off & set apart unto Honor TISON Daughter of said Decd. her share as follows. Begining at a stake in the center of Several trees in George TISONS line it being a dividing between Noah SMITH and MILLS, now
the heirs of Abraham TISON then runing said Dividing line South 11 & half degrees Et. 374 pole to the run of the beaver dam Swamp then up the run of said swamp to three maples the begining corner of lott No.7 then the course of said line North 11 degrees Wt. 380 pole to a pine in said line then west 24 pole to the begining Containing 58 Acres and ¾ Valued @ 17/6 per acre £51.8.1¼
Honor TISON lot no. 6 to pay Bowen TISON lott No. 3 the sum of 2.11.6½
Honor TISON lott No. 6 to pay Amos WILSON & wife Dicey lott No. 4 7.9¼ 48.8.9¼

Lott No. 7 We have laid off and set apart unto Polly TISON Daughter of said Decd. her share as followeth Begining at three mayples and oak on the run of the Beaver dam Swamp the third corner of lott No. 6 and runs said line 11¾ degrees Wt. 380 pole to a pine the fourth corner of the sixth lott in TISONS line then said line Et 20 pole to a ___? in the little Water branch then south 13½ degrees Et. 380 pole to the run of the Great Water branch then down the run of the Great water branch to the run of the Beaver dam then down the run of Beaver dam to the Begining Containing 57¾ acres land valued @ 20/ per Acre £57.15.
Lott No. 7 Polly TISON to pay Elizabeth TISON lott No. 8 9.6.2¼ 48.8.9¾

Lott No. 8 We have laid off & set apart unto Elizabeth TISON Daughter of the said Decd. her share in following manner Vizt Begining at a Gum in the Little water branch the third corner of the seventh lott or lott No.7 Polly TISONS corner then runing her line South 13½ degrees Et. 330 pole to the run of the Great water branch then up the run of the said Great Water branch and windings thereof to the mouth of little water branch to the begining the aforesaid Gum Containing fifty six Acres Valued @ 10/ per acre £28.
Lott No. 7 Polly TISON to pay Elizabeth TISON Lott No. 8 9.6.2¼
Lot No 1. Jacob JOINER & wife to pay Elizabeth TISON 11.2.7½ £48.8.9¾

Given under our hands and seals as commissioner This ____day of ___1802 Pitt County November term 1802 the Commissioners appointed to Divide the land of Abraham TISON Decd. among his legal representatives have their report} ordered to be Registered for George EVANS Clk, Richard EVANS.

Sherwood HINES {Seal}
Arthur FORBES {Seal}
Randal JOHNSTON {Seal}

In obedience to an order of Pitt Court _____ Term 1802 we the undersigned Commissioners Directed to divide and appropriate the personal property of Abraham TISON Decd. among his legal Representative of said Decd. we have Divided and appropriated the same as followeth
Negro Rose Drew and appropriated to Honor TISON widow of said Decd. and valued @ £151
Honor TISON widow to pay Elizabeth TISON minor the sum of £66.2.2¾ to make her proportion equal in value of the negroes.
Negro Jim Drew by Amos WILSON and appropriated to him and wife Dicey WILLSON Daughter of Decd. valued @ £150. Amos WILSON & wife to pay to Jacob JOINER & wife the sum of £66.2.2¾ to make their proportion of the value of negroes equal £83.17.9¼
Negro Sandy Drew by Joab TISON son of said Decd. we have set apart and appropriated unto said Joab TISON & said negro valued at £50.0.0. Polly TISON to pay Joab TISON the sum of 33.17. 9¼ to make his proportionable share equal in value £83.17.9¼
Blank Drew by Jacob JOINER and wife to the amount of £83.17.9¼ they being Heirs of said Decd.
Amos WILSON to pay Jacob JOINER and wife the sum of £66.2.2¾
Bowen TISON minor to pay Jacob JOINER the sum of 17.15.6¼ to make their share equal in value £83.17.9¼
Negro Cherry Drew and appropriated to Polly TISON Daughter of said Decd. and Valued @ £140.0.0
Polly TISON to pay Honor TISON minor the sum of 3.6.8¼
Polly TISON to pay Joab TISON the sum of 33.17.9¼
Polly TISON to pay Tempy TISON the sum of 18.17.7¼ to make their share Equal in value 56.2.2¾ £83.17.9¼
Negro Randall Drew by and appropriated to Tempy TISON one of the heirs of said Decd. and valued @ £65.0.0
Polly TISON to pay Tempy TISON the sum of 18.17.9½ to make her share equal in value £83.17.9¼
Blank Drew by Elizabeth TISON for her equal share £83.17.9¼
Honor TISON widow of said Decd. to pay Elizabeth TISON minor £66.2.2¾
Bowen TISON to pay Elizabeth TISON the sum of 17.5.6½ to make her share equal in value £83.17.9¼
Negro Sam Drew and appropriated to Bowen TISON and Valued at £130.0.0
Bowen TISON to pay Elizabeth TISON £17.5.6½
Bowen TISON to pay Jacob JOINER the sum of £17.5.6½
Bowen TISON to pay Honor TISON minor the sum of 10.11.1 46.2.2¾ to make his share equal in Value 83.17.9¼
Negro Isbal drew by Honor TISON minor and appropriated to said minor Valued £70.0.0
Bowen TISON to pay Honor TISON minor 10.11.1
Polly TISON to pay Honor TISON the sum of 3.8.6¼ to make her share equal in Value £83.17.9¼
The amount of account of sales Including the Hire of negroes amounts to the sum of £328.13.1
that to be divided among nine Heirs which leaves each heir the sum of £136.10.(?)

Pitt County November 1802 the Commissioners appointed to Divide the Personal property of Abraham TISON decd among his legal representatives have their report}

Sherwood HINES Seal
Arthur FORBES Seal
Randal JOHNSTON Seal

ordered to be registered for George EVANS Clk Richard EVANS----

November term 1802 the petitioners Amos WILSON & others for division of the property of Abram TISON Decd among the legal representatives of said Decd. Where as Arthur FORBES, Randal JOHNSTON Esqr & Sherwood HINES being Commissioners appointed to divide and appropriate the property among the Heirs. ee charge as followeth and pray your worships will allow our accounts as the law Directs---

Said petitioners to Arthur FORBES Do. To two days attendance @ 10/ £1.0.0
Said petitioner to Randal JOHNSTON Do. To two days attendance @ 10/ 1.0.0

Said petitioners to Sherwood HINES Do. to ten days surveying of the land and making out returns or plans to return to court @ 20/ £10.0.0
to three days as Commissioner @ 10/ per day 1.10. £11.10.
allowed John BOWERS Chairman C

Information on this family is found in "The Memoirs of William Calhoun Love" on the internet at Rootsweb. William Calhoun Love was born in Knox County, Tenn. on Mar. 9, 1798, and moved to Caldwell County, Kentucky the following year. W. C. Love was a Cumberland Presbyterian minister and kept extensive notes on significant events in his life as they happened, and in 1868 began work on the memoirs which follow. They were completed shortly before his death in 1872. According to the memoir.....

Page 10: "I was married 24th July 1817. My wifes name was Honor Tison. She was born and Raised ... county N.C. and was 6 ½ months younger. Her fathers name was Abraham Tison, and died (when she?) was a child. Her mother's maiden name was Honor Hart. My wife was youngest of 7 children. Her brothers were Jacob, Bowen, Her sisters: Sally Hart, Polly Boulton, Temperance Jour..., Elizabeth Forbes..all dead. Some left large families. After we married I built a little cabin on the land which I was raised in Caldwell. W. 6 miles of Princeton."

Page 10: "In 1820 I visited my wife's uncles Moses and Jacob Tison in N.C. I collected $240 due my wife from her father estate."

Page 10: "I sold out my improvements and took a 7 year lease in Gibson Co., on the North...in four miles where Trenton the Co. seat was located. A new county just being settled. I built a cabin. This was in 1824. There was now 8 in my family. My wife, myself three children, my wifes niece Dephina Joiner and two blaks."

Page 16: "I went on to Miss. Moved down to Randolph and bout land and settled within two miles of town this was spring 1835. My wife's Mother, brother Bowen and sister Polly Bolton lived near. Her brother died and was buried in three miles of Randolph also her niece Dephina Williams that we raised lived near."

Page 17: "The death of my wife occurred on the 14th of August 1836. I buried her three miles E'st of Randolph on the south side and close to her Brother Bowen Tison who died a few years before. And her mother a few years after was laid to the North side of her brother and I greatly regret that I have never had a stone placed at her head..her death was briefly announced in our paper then published at Nashville and after her obituary a verse of one of her favorite songs."

Page 17: "She was the youngest of seven children and the first, save one, called to her eternal home. Since her death, all the family have died and five of her own children...and Alfred wondered off to California in the year of 1848. I have heard nothing from him since. I will close this chapter." "I propose writing another if I live as but little over half my days are included."

Grave of Joseph John Williams (1829-1889) & Wife

These graves are found in the Confederate Cemetery, "Old Village",across from Carr Street, Mount Pleasant, SC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Life's labor is over
JOSEPH JOHN WILLIAMS
Born in Pitt. Co. No. Ca.
December 3rd 1829
Died in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.
March 11th 1889
Peace to his Ashes.

SARAH J. WILLIAMS
June 25, 1838.
Feb. 24, 1908

ROACH FAMILY LETTERS

These are selected letters from the Roach Family Papers, Collection No#346, East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. To understand relationships, from other records we know that David K. Roach, b. May 20, 1800 in Craven Co., NC, was the son of Charles Roach and Polly Summers. David K. Roach is found in the 1840-1860 Census as living in Jasper Co., Ga. He married on Feb. 13, 1840 in Hancock Co., Ga. to Martha Traylor. Turner Nelson, b. Aug. 8, 1799, d. Aug. 7, 1876 in Posey Co., Ind., was the son of William F. Nelson and Rachel Rogers. Bryan Adams, b. Dec. 5, 1808 in Pitt Co., d. Apr. 25, 1878 in Tishamingo Co., Miss., was the son of David Adams and Argent Chapman. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

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[Letter from David K. Roach, Ft. Hawkins, Jones Co., Ga. to his mother, Mrs. Polly Roach, Craven Co., NC, dated July 21, 1822]

Fort Hawkins July 21st 1822
Der Mothe

Tis with fear of sensur that I have not rote to you in so long a time, but I hope you will pardon your son who wood give mor to see you than any other person under the heavens, perhaps you will think when you receive this that I have not conducted myself in a proper manner, but tis not so, I have had my misfortunes as well as all other people, the first year I came to Georgia I had a severe spell of the bilious fever which unabled me to work for near three months. The next march I had the misfortune to get all my clothes burnt except what was on my back. these misfortunes together wit another spell of sickness last fall and a fit of the fever since I have been at this place has rendered me unfit for service, so I wish to return home as quick as possible, I am unable to raise money to defray my expences and wish you to send me fifty dollars for that purpose I could come by selling my horse at an under vallue, but i dont wish to do that for he is valuable, I sall continue here untill I hear from you and expect you to comply with my request, by the middle of september by that time the weather will be cool enough to travel and provisions will be more plenty and cheaper traveling I receivg a letter las october which informes me of my fathers death and the marriage of my sister which troubled me greatly, I have receivd another last April from you and have since heard by Charles KINIAN that Hannah and pearce has made peace and now lives together, Allen HALL & Marrina lives her within 3 miles of this place Marriner has four children and is doing tolerable good bisness. David CLARK & John KING lives about forty miles from here, and report says they are making out but badly, I am in tolerable health at present and hope these lines will find you all well
I have no more to say at present but remain yours and Co

David K ROACH
Fort Hawkins Jones county Georgia

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[There is confusion here. The letter from Charles Roach, Ft. Hawkins, Jones Co., Ga. is addressed to Mrs. Polly Roach, Craven Co., NC, but worded to his uncle, dated Aug. 1, 1822]

[Cover Envelope]
Fort Hawkins 1st Augt 1822 to Mrs. Polly ROACH Craven County No Carolina

Dear uncel I take the opertunity of writing to you that mother and all wrest of the family is well at this time and Brother John Sot of to North Carolina in the year 1820 and I never have heard from him sence and if he has got their Safe I want you to let me know uncle Mothers to youngest children is name Mary and Sarah Mother has one girl by fat[TORN] her name is Elizabeth we three boys is very ni groane but scatterd mitey Im serpire uncel that you

never have sent nary letter in Georgia Sence wee leave ben hear you orter Sent one if you thought anything of your Brothers children this is Charlesis writen not a very good scribe nor a speler if you ever write a letter direct it to Dublin Laurane County Charles ROACH

[REVERSE SIDE]
{C}{R} day of prel 1824 Five children by my good Father tow by James COLLIER bothe Girles
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Direct it to North Carolina Blaten County Newbern
town Charles ROACH ur
David ROACH ur James ROACH {C}{R}

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[Letter from David K. Roach, Macon, Ga. to his mother, Mrs. Polly Roach, Craven Co., NC, dated June 10, 1825]

[Cover Envelope] 25
Mrs. Polly ROACH Craven County N. C

Macon Ga. June 10th 1825
Dear Mother

Your letter came to hand a few days since, the perrusal of which gave me entire sattisfaction, the money it contained I do not want, for I stand in no want of any at present more than I earn by labor, neither have I saving the time I made the request, therefore I ask a second time to keep your cash untill I am in want, & lay it out in the purchase of property that will pay the interest, With respect to the insult that James passed on me I has entirely forgot, but I acknoledg I felt A little warm at the time, on account of his being so verry sorry for my poverty, And I here take the liberty of saying I should not have made a secon request only to know if you wer positive in your denial I am now out of povertys reach, as much respected as any man in macon & wear as good Sunday sermon clothes as my neighbors, can rid my own horse, drive my own sulkey, wear my own watch, but the devil a wife of my own can I get, although I pay every nessesary attention to the ladies these is still something wanting that is not in every fools pocket, Education is the thing I lack, therefore I recommend you to send Samuel Madison and Nancy to school without intermition untill their education be complet and I further recommend them to bend their minds to their several studies with unremitting aplication that they may at length gain A sumit wher A ROACH never before stood,
The Creek indians have caused considerable alarm among the white inhabitants of the frontier settlements, for which Governor G M TROUP of this state has ordered out all the independant companies of this division to rendervouse at the agency 30 miles from this place on Tuesday next likewise a regiment of regulars from pensacola to protect the friendly indians in the nation in case of war within their own limits, among themselves, the rules and subjects of this section of the state is engaged in a pollitical war at present among themselves, and the legislator now in session has carried party pirit to such a hight that they are almost totally unable to transact buisiness with form or regularity so I think on the hole tis best for me not to stay her mutch longer David K ROACH

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[Letter from Turner Nelson of Posey Co., Ind. to friend James Roach , Craven Co., NC, dated July 19, 1825]

[Cover Envelope]
Mr James ROACH Esqr North Carolina Craven County Swift Creek Near Newbern

State of Indiana Posey County July 19th 1825
Friend James for the second time since I left that Country I take my pen in hand to inform you of the blessings that has been handed down to me while I have been in this Western World by him who put me into existence---
The reason of my not writing to you was that a complete reverse of fortune took place with me immediately after I got to this Country and I wanted to prove the good or bad effect it had on me one of the Chief blessings was (and is at this time) It was pleasing to the will of almighty god to Show me in a short while after I came to this Country that I was Living in open rebellion against the divine and holy Law that he had placed in this world for the guide and regulations of his people, also I was trampling on the mercies that he was Showering on me every moment of my Life and returning him not the Least thanks for it at which time my Eyes were placed on the god of this world, running my all to Everlasting destruction when reflection would cause me pain to think that my soul should be Landed in an awful and burning hell just for the gratification of the carnal Lust of the flesh which is enmity against God. The satisfaction that I see in Leading a religious and pious Life devoted to that God who put me here for his own honor and Glory no tongue can express when I have the presence of God with me and feel the witness within my Soul that I have passed from death unto Life Everlasting it appears to me that the happiness I see placed in another world for me is unspeakable and full of Glory-----
Another Blessing is that I have had the good fortune to obtain to myself one of the female part of the Creation which is altogether Lovely she is Lovely in my estimation Likewise in the estimation of this world She is handsome to behold and my banner over her is Love The rose of Sharon nor the Lillies of the Valley cannot Equal her beauty we Live and Share each other's mutual Burthens which I count a satisfaction to us. She was a widow when I married her about 17 years old by the name of Jane COX and about the Size of Betsy BRYAN or not quite so Large her father and mother is Living at this time and she the youngest Child of Seven her Maiden Name was WALKER we was married the 26th of this month one year ago and the 9th of this month she was brought to bed With a Child which was unfortunately born dead but She has go so that she can get about again which is reviving to me
Now I will tell you of my Situation and what I have done respecting making provisions for a Living Immediately after I was married I Let the horse go that I brought to this Country for a Quarter Section of Land viz 160 Acres which was unimproved I went to work which went a Little tough with me at first & built me Tolerable comfortable House I moved there in October Last Kept School Three months of the Winter fenced and Cleared 10 Acres of Land and planted about 7 acres of it in corn which is will yield more or as much to the Acre but will be disputed But I appeal to the righteous one above for the manifestation of it. I have a first rate young horse that my wife had four years old come Spring that would Sell there for 150 or 160 Dollars a small Stock of Cattle also of hogs but Corn is no object here there can be nothing got for it unless you take it down the Mississippi to New Orleans where you get 1 dollar per Barrel Sometimes for it and Sometimes more and Sometimes Less Money cannot be had here for Nothing but money will <u>will</u> Bring any thing almost at any price corn may be had here for 10 cents per Bushel Bacon for 4 & 3 in money every thing proportionably Low The Land That I have is not deeded yet but ____[FADED] and Joins Ajax CAMPBELLS my house is not more than 200 yards from his house and I have found him Since I have been to this Country as a father and his Sister Mrs HAYES as a mother to me and my wife people in this Country is altogether upon a level with each other there is none to rich as to Suppress the poor but every ones respectability depends upon his behaviour I am as rich as my Neighbors they have no more servants to do their work than I have to do mine my Task is Easy My Crop is done at this time and I have a School about one mile from home to Continue the winter with 25 Scholars at 2 dollars per S by the Quarter _____ is married also to Girl by the name of Sally ROBERTS and Lives on his <u>fatherinlaws</u> Land he has 12 or 13 acres in corn that he has Tended himself and is Generally thought that he gather 55 Bushels to the Acre he has two first rate B young mares and Stock also of all kinds. James I live Easier and better Satisfied than I ever did I have recd Two letters from you Since I have been to this State relating your marriage and Sally's also which I am glad to hear has taken place I have heard that Ephraim has taken a lying in spell this summer. I want you to write to me how you all come or and the times there is in that Country I hear that my father is dead also Uncle George. I want you this fall to send me the old man's Razor his lancet and Rileys Narrative the memoirs of Lady Hamilton the History of <u>am</u>erica by Ajax CAMPBELL when he comes in to that Country Jordan BUTLER talks of coming out to that country this fall Sucky had a Child born dead about the Same time that Jane had her's I live in about 1 ½ miles of Jordan he is doing better

than he ever was in that Country he has four Children and makes plenty of Support this is the greatest place to raise corn or grain of any description in tha[TORN] I yet have ever Seen Ajax CAMPBELL has a prospect at this time of making more corn this year himself and two Boys than I ever knew raised on one farm on Swift Creek I want you to Show this Letter to Laban and let him know that it is my wish for him to come to this Country with them Boys of his and not stay there on that old field of Ald ELISONS Spending of his time in that place and sinking himself to destruction tell his wife that her Sister Sally is well and has two fine Boys that goes to School to me at this time if he will come I know his chance will be better here than there. I conclude by wishing you to remember me to the whole family and remaining your Loving friend Turner NELSON

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[Letter from James Roach of Craven Co., NC to his brother David K. Roach, dated Apr. 24, 1828]

[Cover Envelope] David K ROACH
State of North Carolina Craven County

Dear Brother Edward NELSON has at this tim the property in hand belonging to you and the rest of the Childre and he was strongly in the notion of giveing your part of the property up to the Court on the 2nd Monday in May ther to be delt with as I no not how but I have got him to agree to keep it untill I can rite you word
you wrote to Samuel for me to take Charge of your Negroes but they remain in the stock yet and it is out of my power to doo anything with them without some power from you if you will send me a power of eturney that will justify me in drawing your Negroes and the rest of your property i will get an order of Court and draw the same for you and doo with it as you will rite me word that is if you will Charge me no interest rite me word and also what to do with your property and if you cannot allow me the interest you will have to attend to it your self between now and August Court or Edward will then give it up to the Court if you will doo this rite me word and if not rite me word as soon as posible---------if you impower me with your property you Can get it at a weaks warning at any time when you com for it

I will inform you that we are all well at present hoping these few lines ma find you in the same State of health I have at this time my Seckond Wife and two children boath Girls the older name Polly born he 6th of May 1827 the younger nam Betsey born to day the 24 April 1828
Nelson & Sally had two Children boath girls Name Polly & Winney they arall well and live verry agreable to geather Nancy is well and is a liveing with Ned & Sally al in peace a plenty like Pigs on the side of a road
Samuel is at work at John M BRYANS over Nuce river at his trade wheelmakeing
I am sorry to tel you that Madison last weak Started to the Sea as a Common Sailor much against my will and against all his People which i fear will bee his everlasting rening Pearce has Run Crazy and cut of one of his armes hannah has three Children two girls and one boy al well Charles has lost his old wife Anna and is likely to reform and do better he has got another which is i think a more prudant woman than the first Peopl are generally Well in this neighberhood no more at present but remain your brother Aprill the 24th 1828

James ROACH

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[Letter from _____Roach to Bryan Adams, dated July 8, 1845]

July 8th 1845

Dear sir you rote me that you would split the deferance with me in the price of your land which would be five hundred dollars; that I never could think of giveing yet I hope you ma get that and more too if you doo sell it; as to my self I have some verry serious objections to giveing you more than four hundred dollars one is I am satisfyed the land is not worth any more or at least it would not be to me; one other is that your father has privaledge on the land for stock and to cut timber at any time and Whear ever he ma think proper as such what is to hinder him from

cuting down what fue box pines you have or bilding hogpens whare ever he ma chose yet I donnt no that he would, one other is as I have been lately informed you have given that wench a rite to part of it and I donot wish to have anything to do with any thing that she is consurned with and I am verry strongly under the impretion that you would a been a great deel better off; and much more respected if you had never a had any thing to a done with her from the first for she is the verry scrapeings of Gods earth and you doo no if you have not lost all your Sinceses that she is nothing now never was nor never will be or she never would taken up with a maried man as she has with you if she had a been any friend to good morrels decency respectability or even a friend to you can you make me beleave that she won ever a brought you under the troubles dificulties and disgrace that you are now under [SMEARED] She neve would but in the lue of a friend she is in my opinion bent upon your downfall and with the assistance of such friends as you take her to be I am afrade you will sooner or later cum to the verry end ~~than your uncle Stephen~~ that old iron legs said yould come to that is the verry end that your uncle Stephen come to for she told David CHAPMAN that you was going the verry track that Stephen CHAPMAN went and would come to the same end and I do beleave that it is their wish that you should come to no better an end if it is true that Ruth has any interest in that land I would scarcely have it as a presant for I will have nothing to do with any thing she has the scriptures inform us if we resist the Devil he shall fle from us under the same pricpal if we resist our enemies they can have no power over us I would say more bu I do not wish you to get angry at what I have said for it is not with any intention to hurt your feelings noing that you ar alreaddy in trouble anough but I cant help Saying a little of what I think a great deel of sorry sorry am I to my verry hart and Soul that you ever suffered yourself taken in by sue correctors you have once been so much respected as any man but now what...your name is a complete song thruout the neighbourhood

Your Mother told me on Sonday that you accused me of writeing you a letter and not singing my name to it but that is not so for this is the first that I ever wrote to you I call God to witness

I must again request you would not get angry nor fly in a fit If I have spoken too freely but seriously [SMEARED] what you are going to do the contence [SMEARED] for I have not spoken one word with a wish to hurt your feelings Nothing more at pesant but remain your friend and welwisher until death

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[Letter from _____Roach to Bryan Adams, dated July 16, 1845]

Mr ADDAMS Sir I received your talk of the 13th Stating that I had Scandeliseed you badly----- and had beged the neighbours not to keep your company nor talk with you Sir I deny those charges and feel satisfied that you can bring no such pry? by any true Spoken purson for I have always had and have now two much respect for your family of people to scandalize the first one of them and reason of itself will tel any reasenable purson that in the lue of heaping up scandal on your people as you have it would be to my interest to put down scandal no Bryan I never scandalised you in my life nor never tried to for there would be no woe in it you have dun a nough your self in the eyes of thinking people to last you your lifetime without my help if you live to be as old as Methusila and as you say what goes over the Devils back il cum under his belly if you are ever brought to se the same trouble about one of your people that all your people have seen about you and your latter conduct you will I am afrade be like unto Cane your punishment will be greater than you can bear and if you will trouble your self so fur as to ask your father and mother what I have said their about you you will be Sattisfyed that I am belied as to what you say I told Caleb SMITH it is not so I never told him any such thing but I tel you and you ma tel who you pleas that I think it is a great wonder your damsel had not entrived some way to get her off in the old feald as you mite enjoy what she had with a little more sattisfaction and also have the chance of pissing on her grave and if you are simple anough to think you are Daniel in the den of lions do you go in a lot where there is a fierce mad doge even let alone lions and if he dose not notice you I will try to think you are Daniel and if you prove to be daniel in the den of you put your self there and if any purson was trieng to help you out you would never let them so I shall not try neither shall I lock you up in there I no you are not the King for you cant make no purson think that damsel of yours is respectable more over rightous Mr. ADDAMS Sir your dander appears to be up because I mentioned your uncle Stephen name Sir did I Say ary harms word of him No: you produce that letter sho it to who you pleas and no purson can say that I

said harm of him for I knew Stephen CHAPMAN as well and I think a great deel better than you and I think myself that he had as good a hart as are ROACH as ever was born as you say and a great deel better a heart than one ADDAMS that I have lately found out for I did not think as mean as you are that you was mean anough to tell any purson of their meen relation for instance Bryan you have three likely children they ma live to be grone and have a dispute with some purson or other and ma be told of your conduct saying that you had acted like old John PELT and he was wors than an infidel this ma be the case and how would you feel to hear your children told of your conduct you sertainly would feel bad and that man that would tel them of it would deserve something worse than the whiping post he would deserv a bullet drove threw the big end of his heart so Bryan if I was in you place I would trase back my own family of people before I commenced uppon others and se if I could not get a little closeer to the gallows than the whipping post and I do think it is allmost as mean a thing as a man can be gilty of to tel on other of his mean relation in anger for there is no man but what has mean relation and if it is me that you speak of as spending five negroes to pay off grog bills I have bought more value in negroes and land than I sold this much I can prove to you if you request it so what I have spent at grog shops has been my own labour and not yours nor David ADDAMS--- Henery SMITHS nor old Sall SMITHS as you call her and even if I have spent my own labour at grog shops I think there is more credit in that than there is in spending other peoples labour in supporting whores and makeing hore hous of my own dwelling as you have for you do no that you slept with that charmer of yours up in your own loft and your wife down below listning at the bedstid crack what do you call that if it is not makeing a hore hous of your own dwelling ~~further I will state to you that it is the opinion of some that it was a plan laid between you and that woman that you cald marry old Sall as you cal her~~ I feel satisfyed Bryan that you take every purson as an enemy that finds fault of your conduct with that woman and if so you ar destitute of friends for there is no man that can or will undertak to justify you ask reason itself or your verry best friends and if they will speek plane and plump and not flatter you they will say that you are liveing a disgraceful life you yourself cannot help saying so, so it is not me that have disgraced you you have disgraced your self and not noing how to get over it you are willing to pack it on some other purson so fare well Bryan I leave you to unravel your own ball you will stop when you get to the end I did not when I wrote to you have any wish to make you mad but mean people will get mad at the truth suner than they will at a ly and if I had a flattered you and said go on in the way that you ar going I should been a gentleman too but as it is I am a wrascal I suppose
I donot expect to wast any more paper with you Nor I should not have wasted this if you had not told me of the whipping post and last of all I beg of you to trace back your own fammily and let alone them that are dead and gon for just such carrectures as you are wrapt up with is able to fetch any man to the whipping post July 16th 1845

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[Letter from Bryan Adams to Mr. _____Roach, dated July 20, 1845]

Mr ROACH I take the optuty to Rit to you one more time concerning the bisness we have being talking about yuo say I haf carg yuo Rong if I have I am sorry for it and I have not I ant sorry but I Noe that paple will choes to tel a ly drother than the truth yuo seem to get vary Roth abut the whiping poast did I say yuo or enny of your foan was card to the whipping poast nay I sed I neveer was and did I say yuo spent five negros for to pay your grog bils no I sed I haddent So I preseve that yuo can take hints vary quick but yuo can put out as menny as yuo pleas and dont want mee to take them a mis but Sir I can take hints as quick as yuo yuo talk about how mean it was to hurt pople in teth of thar mean Relation I sing yuo in dat but hoo is more Reddy than yuo no won in my noledg for it seme like that yuo have a hand in Every boddys bisness and seem to no more about my bisness than I do my self and send me your desterbing letters when I was desterbed bad a nouf with out your langurg yuo hirt me in the teth of Spendding old Sally propty to bild hours houses but Sir if it is me yupith on yuo ar a lier for I bilt me a hous with my one laber ind it is not a hour hous no more than yours Ser for the wone that live in it I wodnt give her little finger for old Sal hold Boddyfor my youse and all her propty if Shee is a nagel So yuo pear to think of my children your anegel as yuo stile her went of and left them and start unkid with not ashort to thar back when my damcel as yuo call her has put clos on them and herd thar nakness Soe I take her part for I now wherer Shee is en foth or not but I now Shee is not fore I

over cum her by far wards and far promis so I will suport it shee is a good naterd good condessund and smart woman so Mr ROACH your Sun David is going on vary lenthy a but her a guse her of negros wich Shee is clar of and yuo had better cousin him beefore hee git hert I dont send it out of enny harm to yuo onely that I want yuo to noe what such a sprot was upt to soe yuo Cold cousin him before to lat Mr ROACH yuo par to think A gooddal of old Sally proply if I had a spent it that wood being no mour than yuo have got Jessa CHAPMAN propt that yuo never work for no mour than I werk for old Sal

But Sur I have Shod a one ble part to ward hur I oferd her property back to her agane and She wood not take it and when I furst oferd it Shee Sad that Shee wodnot take it for I was bound to her and I cod not help my self so now Shee is agreed to take it She wont give me enny anshourance to keep her from cuming on me agane for more now I have ofer to give up my land to her to live on her life time So it dont Shoe like that I want to kil her or deefrod her out of enny thing but I did not intend to live with hur so I dont cur for what I have dun for i Shod do the vary same if it was to do over agane So if yuo donk like it yuo can lump it or enny boddy els for a disadisdfy mind wod it casd me to went thru with my propty and then I shod it being bound to her then So when I git out of the nose to som good plas i am in hopse that I shal git along agane like I wonst did So Mr. ROACH yuo have a grat menny childern to tem to and yuo dont no what your childrun is to cum to but I hop that they will do well and marry sum good anegel but not like to old Sally but it may bee som purson that to thay can see plasior with and live a saddisfide life and in Joy all the cumfrits of this life is my wish So Mr ROACH I cum unto a clouse thar is been a grat many words sed but not to enny grat amount So think thar is no youse of my Riting to yuo So nuthing more at present

July the 20 1845 Bryan ADAMS

Revolutionary War Deserters, 1780

Found in the *Pennsylvania Packet*, Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22, 1780

D E S E R T E D

From the North Carolina Brigade, on their march to the Southward, the following men, viz.

Arthur BOYCE, of Col. Patten's company and battalion, born in the town of Edinburgh, in North-Britain, residing in King's-Town, Dobbs county, North-Carolina; five feet eleven and a half inches high, light brown hair, fair complexion, forty five years of age, a serjeant, deserted the 2d of December last at Trenton in the Jerseys. James IVES, born in Norfolk county, Virginia, and lived in Pitt county, North-Carolina, by trade a turner, aged twenty-six years, five feet eight inches high, red hair, fair complexion, deserted at the Head of Elk the 12 of December last.

From Captain John Ingle's company, 2d battalion, Philip PANKUM, deserted the 29th of December last, aged about twenty-seven years, about five foot eight inches high, fair complexion, round shouldered, born in Craven county, North-Carolina, and supposed to be gone to the Head of Elk. Also William GRIFFIN, aged twenty-two years, five feet eleven inches high, fair complexion, born in Pasquotank, North-Carolina, supposed to be gone to the above place. The above two men deserted in regimentals.

Every person apprehending any of the above deserters and delivering him into any goal, or to any Continental officer, so that he may be secured, shall receive ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS reward; and ONE DOLLAR for each mile such deserter shall be conducted from the place where taken to the place where delivered, on producing a receipt from the Goaler or Officer to the Subscriber, or nearest D. Q. Master General, who is requested to pay the same.

By order of the Hon.Board of War. Lewis NICHOLA, Col. Inv. Com. in Philadelphia

PETER PATRICK DIVISION, 1804

This record is found under Peter Patrick, 1804, Craven County Estates, NC, Box 109; NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Newbern Superior Court of Law
July Term 1803
To the Judges of said Court

The petition of Menan PATRICK (only son of John PATRICK) by John COWARD his guardian, Sarah BLOUNT, wife of Reading BLOUNT, Mary SMITH wife of Isaac SMITH, Elisabeth KILLINGSWORTH, wife of John KILLINGSWORTH, Susannah BURNEY, wife of Willie BURNEY, Daniel PATRICK, Pency SMITH wife of Thomas SMITH, humbly sheweth

That your petitioner Menan is entitled as heir to his father with the other petitioners, to the real estate of Peter PATRICK, brother of his said father & other petitioners who died intestate & without issue--- one seventh part of which estate has descended ____? petitioner

That the said real estate consists of tracts of land in Lenoir County, Craven & Greene Counties

That your petitioners are desirous of dividing the land & pray that Commissioners be appointed

MARTIN Atto petitioners

State of North Carolina Newbern District} Superior Court of Law July Term 1803—

On Petition of Daniel PATRICK & others heirs of Peter PATRICK decd Ordered that Francis KILPATRICK, Ebenezer FIFE, Isaiah JOHNSTON, William MOSELY and William HOLIDAY be appointed Commissioners to divide the real estate of said Peter PATRICK deceased among his heirs and make return of their proceedings to the next Superior Court to be held for this District. A true Copy from the Minutes

Attest W ARNETT CC

State of North Carolina Newbern District}
In Obedience to an order of the Superior Court of said District January Term 1803 Mr. Francis KILPARTRICK Ebeneser FIFE Isaiah JOHNSTON William MOSELY & William HOLLIDAY Being appointed to divide the Real Estate of Menon PARTRICK Deceased among the heirs agreable to Law in that Case made & provided
This Being the part alloted to the heirs of Peter PATRICK who Died Before the division including the following tracts towit two hundred & fifty nine Acres lying in patent granted to **Edward FITZPARTRICK** for two hundred & fifty acres this being part of said Old patent Containing all the Land that the said Menon PARTRICK held in land patent Dated the 10th day of March 1758 Also 203 Acres part of a Deed from William DRY to said Menon FITZPARTRICK Bearing Date the 26th day of January 1780 lying in a patent granted to Lewis CONNER in the year of our Lord 1730 also a patent granted to said Menon FITZPARTRICK for 110 Acres Bearing Date the 6th day of September 1771 Those tracts of Land being Resurveyed Contains 572 Acres which was valued to fifteen hundred & ninty two Dollars, this being less than one half the whole Being Valued worth three thousand four hundred & seventy seven Dollars, the said Daniel PARTRICK is to pay to the Heirs of Peter PARTRICK the sum of one hundred & forty six Dollars & a half which will make there share Equal to one half
In Testimony wherof We have hereunto set our hands & seals this --- day of July 1803

F KPATRICK {Seal}

Eben FIFE {Seal}
Isaiah JOHNSON {Seal}
Wm MOSELY {Seal}
Wm HOLLIDAY {Seal}

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State of North Carolina Newbern District}
In Obedience to an order of the Superior Court of sd District directing a Division to be made in the Real Estate of Peter PATRICK Deceased a mong the Several Heirs of Said Deceased
ToWit
Lot No.1, 2 & 3 to Walter DUNN as assignee of Mary SMITH Pensey SMITH & Elizabeth KILLINGSWORTH Lying in Greene & Lenoir Countys on the South Side of Great Contentnea Beginning at a pine in Britain KINGS line & runs to 40 WT 55 poles to red Oak then No. 70 Wt 82v poles to a water Oak then So. 60 Wt 74 poles then So. 88 Wt 74 poles then So. 102 poles to a red Oak in CONNERS old patent line then it No. 70 Wt 84 poles to John COWARDS line then it No. 18 Et. 202 poles then So. 65 Et. 156 poles then to the Begining Containing one hundred & fifty acres also an other tract Containing one hundred & ten acres Begining at the Begining of a patent granted to **Menan FITZPATRICK** for 110 acres Dated the 6th day of December 1771 & runs with Said patent line No. 34 Et. 92 poles then So. 70 Et. 120 poles to a pine then So. 22 Et. 140 poles then to the Begining those two tracts of Land Land Being valued at five hundred & seventy five Dollars it Being less than those Heirs Rotiable part of sd Estate & Thomas PHILLIPS two Lots Being valued at more than the two heirs Rotiable parts which he Claims under he is to pay to Said Walter DUNN the sum of one hundred & forty seven Dollars & thirty four Cents which sum will make his three Lot Equal in Value to 3/7th of said Estate
In Testimony wherof We have hereunto set our hands & seals this 18th day of January 1804
F KPATRICK {Seal}
William MOSELY {Seal}
Isaiah JOHNSON {Seal}
Wm HOLLIDAY {Seal}

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State of North Carolina Newbern District}
In Obedience to an order of the Superior Court of sd District directing a Division to Be made in the Real Estate of Peter PARTRICK Deceased among the several Heirs of said Deceased
ToWit
Lot No 4 & 5 to Thomas PHILLIPS as assinee of Sarah BLOUNT & Susannah BURNEY Lying in Craven County on the So. side of Great Contentnea Creek containing 159 Acres Begining at the So side of Contentnea the Begining Corner of a patent granted to **Edward FITZPATRICK** Dated the 10th day of March 1759 & runs with land patent line So. 66 Wt. 45 poles to a whote Oak then So. 20 Et. 26 poles to a gum then So. 79 poles then Wt. 10 poles to pine then So. 11 Wt 54 poles to a pine then So. 55 Wt. 68 poles to SUMMERLINS patent line then his line So. 13 Wt 70 poles to PARTRICKS old patent line then it a gum So 40 Et. 70 poles to a pine then No 32 Et 334 poles to the Creek then up the water Course of said Creek to the Bigining this tract of Land Being Valued at six hundred & thirty six Dollars which Being Being one hundred & fifty four Dollars & 44 Cents more than his Ratible part Said Estate for the 2 Lots he Claims under therefore he is to pay to Walter DUNN assinee of Mary SMITH Pensy SMITH & Elizabeth KILLINGSWORTH the sum of one hundred & fifty four Dollars & 34 Cents which sum makes his proportionable part the Ballanc of which the said Thomas PHILLIPS Ows to said Estate he is to pay to Daniel PARTRICK which is seven Dollars & 10 Cents which makes up his part Equal in value to one seventh part of said Estate his having a Larger proportion of the Real Estate of Menon PATRTRICK in the former Division
In Testimony wherof we have herunto set our hands & seals this 18th day of January 1804

F KPATRICK {Seal} Isaiah JOHNSON {Seal}
Wm MOSELY {Seal} Wm HOLLIDAY {Seal}

In Obedience to an order of the Superior Court of sd District directing a Division to Be made in the Real Estate of Peter PARTRICK Deceased among the several Heirs of said Deceased
ToWit----
Lot No 6 To Menon PATRICK Minor a tract of land lying in Craven County on the South sine of Great Cotentnea creek begining at an red Oak on the creek bank MILLERS Corner and runs south sixty five Degrees west sixty two poles to a stake on said line then along FISHES Line North one hundred poles to a stake in Old field his corner then his line again South sixty six West Twenty six poles to a stake in his line then North twenty three Degrees East one hundred & fiftyeight poles to the Creeke **near the little fort** containing one hundred acres which said land was valued at Two hundred & seventy five Dollars being thirty four dollars & twenty two cents more than his proportionable part of said Estate Which said balance he is to pay to Daniel PATRICK which will make his part Equal in value to one seventh of sd Estate
In Testimony wherof we have herunto set our hands & seals this 18th day of January 1804
F KPATRICK {Seal} Isaiah JOHNSON {Seal}
William MOSELY {Seal} Wm HOLLIDAY {Seal}

About Hillary and Simeon Cason

Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas, Goodspeed's Publishing Co., 1889.

Simeon CASON is an enterprising farmer of Independence County, Ark., and the energetic manner in which he has ever taken advantage of all methods and ideas tending to enhance the value of his property has been the means of obtaining the competence he now enjoys. His farm consists of 117 acres of excellent land, of which sixty-five acres are in a high state of cultivation. He was born in Georgia, August 25, 1823, and is a son of Hillary and Mary (SMITH) CASON, natives of the "Old North State," the former's birth occurring April 3, 1779. Their marriage took place about 1803, and of thirteen children born to them (seven sons and six daughters) only two are living: Simeon, and a daughter, who is the wife of Jesse WARD, and now a resident of Washington. Hillary CASON was a member of the Baptist Church, and his wife was a Methodist. Simeon CASON was educated in the common schools of Madison County, Ill., and, after attaining manhood, was married to Miss Sarah J. LEGGETT, a native of Arkansas, who died on the 6th of November, 1887, leaving him with a family of six children: George, John B., who died November 9, 1867; Zachariah, Henry Clay, James Y. and Mary V. Mr. CASON afterward married Mary A. SWAN, and to them were given seven children, three of whom subsequently died. Those who survive are: Mary A., Drucilla, William T. and Benjamin F. Mr. CASON has held the office of justice of the peace and constable for the past fourteen years, and has been junior warden in the Masonic lodge. He and Mrs. CASON have long been members of the Methodist Church, and have always liberally contributed to churches and schools. In 1861 he joined the army, and was in a number of hotly-contested engagements. He was also a soldier in the war with Mexico, being first sergeant in Capt. A. R. Porter's company, First Regiment, Arkansas Cavalry, commanded by Col. Archibald Yell. He was captured with Maj. Bourland, Maj. J. P. Gaines and Capt. Cassius M. Clay, at Incarnation, Mexico, and taken from there to the City of Mexico, remaining until the city was captured by Gen. Winfield Scott.

Buck's Dist. Poles of Election, 1842

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The Pole of Election Held in Capt Bucks Districk August 4th 1842

Persons names	Gov	O	Con	Sp
1 James Hardy	1	1	1	
2 Samuel Smith		1	1	1
3 William Smith	1		1	
4 David Chapman	1	1	1	
5 John Hardy	1	1	1	
6 Joshier Nelson	1	1	1	
7 Franck Hard	1	1	1	
8 Charles Stocks	1		1	1
9 Henry Smith J	1		1	1
10 Allin Smith	1	1	1	1
11 Hardy Stoks	1	1	1	1
12 Lewis H Smith	1		1	
13 James Adams J	1		1	
14 Edward Gardner	1	1	1	
15 James Adams S	1	1	1	1
16 Lewis Smith S	1	1	1	
17 Hardy Smith	1	1	1	1
18 Henry Smith S	1	1	1	
19 David Adams	1	1	1	
20 David McKinney	1	1	1	1
21 Joshua Smith	1	1	1	
22 Lewis Smith youn	1		1	
23 Churchwell Moore	1	1	1	
24 John Witherton	1	1	1	1
25 Bryan Adams	1	1	1	
26 Gorge W Venturs	1	1	1	1
27 Thomas Fornes	1	1	1	1
28 Wyatt Gardner Paid Tax voite	1	1	1	
29 Ransom Buck	1	1	1	
30 David Smith	1		1	
31 William Burney	1	1	1	
32 William Gardner	1	1	1	
33 Asa Gardner	1	1	1	
34 Osburn Clark	1	1	1	1
35 Caleb Smith	1	1	1	1
36 Edward Buck	1	1	1	
37 John Adams	1		1	1
38 James Clark	1	1	1	

THE SANITY OF BENNETT BRILEY, 1851

The following selected depositions are found in NC Supreme Court case #6507, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
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Background information on Bennett Briley can be found in legal notes in the William Blount Rodman Papers, Box 14, East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.

Benjamin Briley, died in 1853 in Pitt County and had 10 children:

1] Martha Briley (md. Moses Turnage)
2] John Briley
3] Willis Briley
4] Nancy Briley (md. Samuel Vines Jr.)
5] Eliza Briley (md. Joseph B. G. Andrews)
6] Winifred Briley (md. Joseph L. Ballard)
7] Mary Briley (md. Cornelius Stephens)
8) William S. Briley
9) Jesse Briley; died before father (had issue: Jesse, Piney and Elizabeth)
10) Bennett Briley; died before father on July 29, 1851 (md. Mary Ann Ballard) She remd. to Calvin Joyner) Bennett and Mary Ann had issue: Joseph John Briley (d. intestate, never md.) and Ann Eliza Briley (d. intestate, never md.)

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Bennett BRILEY an Idiot & Joseph L BALLARD his Guard: vs James S CLARK} In Equity Pitt County
Friday June 28th 1850
Hoyts Hotel Greenville
Pursuant to notice given in this case, personally appeared before me Goold HOYT C&M for Pitt County the following witnesses who were severally sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God to make true answers to such questions as might be asked them relative to this case/ to wit Richard H ADAMS, Willis BRILEY, Samuel VINES Jun. William HANEGAN [FLANEGAN], Lawrence ANDERSON & W J BLOW---
Defendant James S CLARK present---

Richard H ADAMS
1 Question by Plaintiff—Are you acquainted with Bennett BRILEY the Complt in this cause? If yea, how long have you been so acquainted? What has been the nature and extent of that acquaintance?—has it been intimate or otherwise, and how far have you resided from said Bennett?
Answer, I am acquainted with Bennett BRILEY, I have Known him ever since I can remember some fifteen years or more, my acquaintance has been intimate until the last year or so, I reside about 4 miles from said BRILEY now, but with the exception of the last two years, I resided within three miles of him---
2 *Question by Same What is your age and occupation?*
Answer, I am thirty five years old, occupation Farmer---
3rd Question by Same, Was the said Bennett on and before the 21st of May 1849 possessed of a Negro woman named Cherry? How long had you Known said Negro! what was her age, condition and value on and about the 21st May 1849?---
Answer, I think I have seen a negro woman by that name belonging to Bennett BRILEY, I have Known her some four years I dont Know her age, I do not Know what her condition was on the 21st of May 1849. Nor do I Know her value, one of her eyes was out I think—

4th Question by Same, Do you Know of the sale of said slave made by said BRILEY to the Deft CLARK? If yea, state fully all you Know about the circumstances attending said sale—where the said slave was at the time—if in Jail why she had been put there—and if you heard said BRILEY say anything or give any reason for wishing to make said sale at the time he directed NICHOLS to sell her, or at the time he executed the Bill of sale state what he then said, and what reasons he then gave—

Answer, I Know nothing of the sale of my own Knowledge nor circumstances, she was in Jail, before I heard CLARK had bought her, I went to see BRILEY to buy the negro, he said that he had directed Mr. VINES & Mr. BALLARD to sell her—

5th Question by Same, What was the condition of mind of said Bennett BRILEY at and about the time of said sale? State your means of Knowing, and fully what you Know—

Answer, Just before I heard of the sale, I saw BRILEY, what he said about the negro for the most part I considered good sound sense, on other subjects I thought he was not sound, he told me that if Messers BALLARD & VINES had not sold the negro he would make a trade with me---

6th What were the habits of said Bennett in respect to Drinking?

Answer—He had been intemperate for several years

7th How long had he been in these habits?

Answer, I do not Know how many years---

8th Had they produced any and if any what effect upon the faculties of his mind?

Answer, Something injured his mind & from what I have understood, it was from excessive drinking

9th Question by Same, In your opinion was the said Bennett at and about the time of said sale of sufficient mental capacity to contract about his property?

Answer, I think he was—

10th Was the said Bennett at and about that time, particularly just before that time under the dominion of any superstitious notions about conjurors &c If yea, state fully all about it?

Answer, I cant say of my own Knowledge--- I have understood he was---

Question by Deft. Was the said Bennet willing to sell you the said Negro—

Answer, he was not unless I would have her sent away & think I told him I should buy <u>him</u> for my Brother who is a trader—

Further the Complainant saith not Richard H ADAMS

Willis BRILEY

1st Question by Compt to Interrogatory 1st:

Answer, He is my Brother I am well acquainted with him, I have known him for twenty five Years, & have been very intimate, I reside in about four miles of him—

2nd Question by Same,to 2nd Interrogatory

Answer: I am 39 years old, occupation farmer

3rd Question by Same to 3rd Interrogatory

Answer He owned such a negro at that time & had owned her about 13 years, I dont Know her age, her condition or her value on the 21st May 1849

4th Question by Same to 4th Interrogatory

Answer, I dont know Know anything about the sale until afterwards Mr CLARK told me he had bought her, Know nothing about the circumstances attending the sale, nor where the negro was, I did not know he designed selling her, never heard him say anything after the sale was made—

5th Question by Same to 5th Interrogatory

Answer, I did not see him about that time, but before for some two years & for some time since the sale, I did not think him to be in his right mind. my reasons are that I have seen him repeatedly & he did not talk rationally—

6th Question by Same to 6th Interrogatory

Answer, He has drank to the excess for several years, and for the last twwo years, he has been constantly drunk

7th Question by Same to 7th Interrogatory

Answer, He has been in the habit of drinking for 5 or 6 Years
8th Question by Same to 8th Interrogatory
Answer, That or Something else unfitted him for business for the last two years
9th Question by Same to 9th Interrogatory
Answer, I had not seen him about the time of the sale
10th Question by Same to 10th Interrogatory
Answer, I have heard it said so, but dont know of my own Knowledge anything about it—
Further the deponant saith not---

Willis BRILEY

Samuel Vines Jun.
1st Question by Compt to 1st Interrogatory
Answer. I am & have been for the last six years, I married his sister & have been intimate with him for that time I live some 10 or 12 miles from him---
2nd Question by Compt to 2nd Interrogatory
Answer, I am about 31 years old & a Farmer
3rd Question by Compt to 3rd Interrogatory
Answer, I think he was, I have frequently seen a negro woman there by that name, I knew one by that name to wit Cherry five or six Years—I dont Know her age her condition or her value on the 21st of May 1849—about two weeks before that time, she was in good health & Mr Robert ADAMS offered me $300 for her, a little after that I was at Bennett BRILEYS who then authorised me to sell her at any price I could get for her--
4th Question by Compt to 4th Interrogatory
Answer, I know nothing of the sale of my own Knowledge where she was at the time, a few days before the sale I was at BRILEYS & he & his wife both told me that the negro woman Cherry had poisoned them, and that they had applied to one HANDCOCK conjure Doctor who adviced them to do something which would cure them & would Kill her & advised them to put her in Jail, if she got any thing out of their yard it would undo what he was doing, He told me he wanted her sold <u>certain</u> as he thought that whatever he got would be so much saved, as He thought she would die---
5th Question by Compt to 5th Interrogatory
Answer, Just before the sale & indeed for two years before at times he would appear perfectly rational and in a few minutes he would talk wildly and then again as rationally as ever, which was his case for most of the time during the last two years when I saw him--
6th Question by Compt to 6th Interrogatory
Answer, Whenever I saw him it was bad, he drank excessively---
7th Question by Compt to 7th Interrogatory
Answer to my Knowledge about three years---
8th Question by Compt to 8th Interrogatory
Answer, I do not Know whether it was drinking or not something had—
9th Question by Compt to 9th Interrogatory
Answer, Sometimes I thought he had mind enough to transact his business at other times not---
10th Question by Compt to 10th Interrogatory
Answer, I believe he was, as I have heretofore stated in my answer to the 4th Interrogatory---
Further this deponant saith not Samuel VINES Junr.

William Hanegan [FLANEGAN]
1st Question by Compt to 1st Interrogatory
Answer, I am acquainted with Bennett BRILEY & have been for fifteen years or longer, though not very intimate I live some four miles by the Road across the Creek not over two miles--
2nd Question by Compt to 2nd Interrogatory

Answer, I am about 28 years old occupation farmer
3rd Question by Compt to 3rd Interrogatory
Answer, he was possessed of Negro woman named Cherry which negro I have Known about fifteen years, I think she was about thirty years old or upwards had but one eye & as to her condition about that time or her value I know nothing—
4th Question by Compt to 4th Interrogatory
Answer, I know nothing of the sale made by BRILEY to CLARK, Know nothing about the circumstances except what Luke NICHOLS told me, he NICHOLS told me thatr BRILEY had directed him to sell her at some price, She must be sold at whatever he could get, that she had poisoned him & to sell her if he got enough to pay the Jail fees---
5th Question by Compt to 5th Interrogatory
Answer, I saw Mr. BRILEY about one month before the sale, a& about a month after, his mind was bad, his friends were trying to prevent him from Drinking—
6th Question by Compt to 6th Interrogatory
Answer. He had been drinking for some time
7th Question by Compt to 7th Interrogatory
Answer. He had been in the habit some two or three years
8th Question by Compt to 8th Interrogatory
Answer, Something had, I supposed it was from drinking
9th Question by Compt to 9th Interrogatory
Answer, I did not see him about the time of the sale
10th Question by Compt to 10th Interrogatory
Answer, I Know nothing except what NICHOLS told me which I have before Stated---
Further this deponant saith not Wm FLANEKIN

Lawrence ANDERSON
1st Question by Compt to 1st Interrogatory
Answer, I am acquainted with Bennett BRILEY and have for 12 or 14 years, I have not been intimately acquainted with him though I have seen him often at public places—I live within five miles of him---
2nd Question by Compt to 2nd Interrogatory
Answer, I am between 25 & 26 years old occupation Farmer
3rd Question by Compt to 3rd Interrogatory
Answer. I do not Know nothing about such a Negro
4th Question by Compt to 4th Interrogatory
Answer, I know nothing of the sale except from report—nor of the circumstances, I heard he had her in Jail but no nothing further
5th Question by Compt to 5th Interrogatory
Answer—I did not see BRILEY in some three or four months before the sale, then he seemed to be flighty at times after that I did not see him until the election, when he did not appear to be in his proper mind—
6th Question by Compt to 6th Interrogatory
Answer, his habits were bad as to drinking
7th Question by Compt to 7th Interrogatory
Answer, He has been in the habit of drinking some 4 years
8th Question by Compt to 8th Interrogatory
Answer, It was generally supposed that drinking had injured his mind
9th Question by Compt to 9th Interrogatory
Answer I did not see him at that time, but I never saw him before the sale but what I would have bargained with him for property & considered him competent to have made a bargain
10th Question by Compt to 10th Interrogatory

Answer, I do not Know, for I did not see him for some 4 or 5 months before---
Question by Compt
Were you present at any time when Joseph BALLARD tendered a note to James S CLARK, If yea state when it was and all that was then done and said---
Answer, I was present, when Mr. BALLARD, asked Mr CLARK if he Still owned the negro that he had sold him, CLARK replied that he did, Mr BALLARD then proffered to give up to CLARK the note which he had given him for the negro, which CLARK refused to do, BALLARD did not show any note, CLARK said he would give him the money for the note and BALLARD said he did not want the money; but that he wanted the negro
Further this deponant saith not Lawrence R ANDERSON

Saturday June 29th 1850
Wm J BLOW
1st Question by Compt to 1st Interrogatory
Answer I am & have been for about twenty years, though never intimate, I live about nine miles from him
2nd Question by Compt to 2nd Interrogatory
Answer, I am 31 years old & a Physician
3rd Question by Compt to 3rd Interrogatory
Answer, I understood that such a negro was owned by him I never saw her until she was put in the Jail, which was about the 1st May 1849, I think she is between 30 & 35 Years old. I was called in to see her as a Physician, while in Jail. She was quite sick and I would not have bought her hardly at any price in her then condition—I sent word to Mr BRILEY that unless she was taken out of Jail she would die---
4th Question by Compt to 4th Interrogatory
Answer, I was present when Joseph BALLARD delivered the bill sale for the woman & CLARK gave his obligation for her, the circumstances attending the sale as well as I recollect, were that Luke NICHOLS came down to TOWN for the purpose of seeing the negro, when I told him that she must be taken out of Jail James S CLARK was present & remarked that he owned some of the womans relations & that he felt a sympathy for her & would buy her rather than she should stay there in Jail & suffer he offered as well as I remember $200 for her, he immediately went off & the same day he and Mr BALLARD returned with the Bill of Sale already written, NICHOLS said that BRILEY would never let her go home—
5th Question by Compt to 5th Interrogatory
Answer, I did not see him about that time, I saw him a few days before, he was drinking at that time I did not observe that any else ailed him---
6th Question by Compt to 6th Interrogatory
Answer, As far as I Know they were bad
7th Question by Compt to 7th Interrogatory
Answer, I dont Know how long—
8th Question by Compt to 8th Interrogatory
Answer, It cause him to be dull & stupid as it would any body—
9th Question by Compt to 9th Interrogatory
Answer, He never had much mental capacity, If he was not drinking I suppose he was as capable to contract for property then as he ever was—
10th Question by Compt to 10th Interrogatory
Answer I dont Know
11th Question by Compt Did you see said slave Cherry shortly before her being sold? If yea, where? what was her condition if sick what was the nature of the disease, & what had caused it? Would it your opinion have been proper to permit her to suckle her child and would or not a release from confinement and the company of her Child have removed all danger?

Answer, I saw her the day she was sold, in the Jail, I supposed she had taken a violent cold, She was laboring under a suppression of the Catamenia---If the child had been present, I would not have let her suckle it, she was not able I did consider it necessary to remove her from the Jail to have pure air, but as to the company of the child it could not have had any effect any way-- Further this deponant saith not W. J. BLOW

Joseph BALLARD Admr vs. James S CLARK} In Equity Pitt County
Friday May 2nd 1851
Pursuant to notice given in this case, personally appeared before me Goold HOYT Clerk & Master in Equity for the County of Pitt the following persons to wit: William J BLOW Henry BELL
who were severally sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God to make true answers to such questions as should be asked them relative to this case--- Present Joseph L BALLARD Pltff & James S. CLARK Defendant

William J BLOW Exd.
Quest 1s By Deft: What is your age & occupation?
Answer I am thirty two years old & by Profession a Physician & have practiced medicine Eleven years
And to other Questions he answers as follows to wit—
I was acquainted with Bennet BRILEY ded the intestate of the Pltff Joseph L BALLARD & knew him for 20 years previous to his death--- I believe him capable of transacting business except when under the influence of ardent spirits so as to produce intoxication—I formed my opinion from frequent business transactions and general Knowledge of the man--- I Knew negro woman Cherry the property of Bennett BRILEY decd who was confined in Jail on or about the 21st May 1849. Said Negro was very sick and I sent word to BRILEY (as her Physician) to come and take her out of Jail or she would die the day after this Luke NICHOLS (who was living with BRILEY at the time) came down to see me about the negro I told him the negro must be taken out of Jail or she would die, he remarked that BRILEY rather that she was dead than have her go back to his plantation--- James S. CLARK the Deft. was present at this conversation and told NICHOLS that he owned some of the womans relations, that he was sorry to see her Suffering in Jail & that if BRILEY would sell her he would give him as weel as I can recollect two hundred Dollars--- NICHOLS told CLARK, he would go home & see BRILEY and let him CLARK hear from him--- in the evening of the same day, NICHOLS & Joseph L BALLARD the Pltff came to town with a Bill of sale already written from BRILEY to CLARK for the said Negro--- I was present when Joseph L BALLARD the Pltff delivered the bill sale to CLARK & he signed as a witness--- Negro woman CHERRY which she was confined in Jail, was very sick, so much so that I was afraid she would die & from her situation I believe that two hundred Dollars was the largest sort of price, more than I would have given for her, in fact I would not have given anything for a negro in that condition--- Joseph L BALLARD married BRILEYS Sister & BRILEY Married BALLARDS Sister & lived about one mile apart at that time—
Cross examined by Pltff
I dont think I had any business transaction with him in some three or four years—tho I saw him occasionally during that time & had conversations with him, further this deponant saith not W. J. BLOW

Henry BELL examined
Quest 1s By Deft In reply to questions put by Defendant he answered as follows to wit-
I am about 26 years old, have been engaged in merchantile business about 9 years I remember that Joseph L BALLARD was in my Store and had a Bill of sale for a negro woman who was in Jail belonging to Bennett BRILEY & that he seemed anxious to conclude the trade, I was CLARKS security for the purchase money, I recollect that CLARK said he did not have the money & seemed careless about taking the negro at which BALLARD seemed dissapointed but the bargain was finally made---& the note given to BALLARD as well as I remember, further this deponant saith not Henry BELL

Saturday May 3rd 1851

Present James S CLARK Deft
Henry HANCOCK appeared & sworn according to Law
Question by Deft: What is your age & occupation?
Answer I am 51 years old & by occupation a Farmer & sometimes practice medicine---
And to other questions he answered as follows
I knew Bennett BRILEY decd he with his wife came to my House in April 1849, which was the first of my acquaintance with him, he came to my House for medicines for Rheumatism, which I gave him and told him he must not drink ardent spirits as it would destroy the effect of the medicines & I do not believe he drank any for some time afterwards, while at my House he offered to sell a negro he said her had by the name of Cherry to me & both him & his wife said they were determined in selling here, they both believed that she had poisoned them & conceited they were worse whenever they approached her--- BRILEY was perfectedly in his senses and remained so up to the time or within a day or so of the time when I heard he had sold her--- I saw him a few days before the sale when he was perfectly rational, BRILEY came to my House about three weeks or more afterwards and told me he had sold the negro, and seemed well satisfied about the sale, he was perfectly cool & in his right mind--- & was glad he had got clear of her--- The next time & last time I saw him was in June last year when he was drinking and not in his proper mind & I think unfit to transact business--- further this deponant saith not Henry HANDCOCK
Witness Goold HOYT C&M

Jacob Elks Jun appeared and was duly sworn according to Law-also Jacob ELKS Sen who was not examined
Question by Deft: What is your age & occupation?
Answer I am 25 years old Laborer---
And to other questions he answers as follows to wit:
about two years ago I lived with Joseph L BALLARD. I saw Luke NICHOLS who was Bennett BRILEYS overseer come riding along in a Barruche with a negro woman named Cherry belonging to said BRILEY, who he said he was carrying to the Jail, a short time afterwards say two weeks or more NICHOLS & BALLARD went to BRILEYS as they said and went down to Greenville & sold the negro woman Cherry to James S CLARK, on their return they seemed mighty well pleased, to think they had sold the woman, for they believed that she would die, Doct HANCOCK having told the family that when the trick was taken off of BRILEY it would go on the negro woman & Kill her, and BRILEY was then getting well & the negro woman worse all the time up to the sale--- BALLARD frequently visited BRILEYS and I heard him say that BRILEY should sell the negro & that she should not be sold in the neighborhood—About the time before the sale of the negro, Doct HANCOCK I understood from Mr BALLARD had put BRILEY on allowance restricting him to drinking weak toddy and during that time he was competent to act any Kind of business. I staid with him nights.

Joseph BALLARD vs. James S CLARK} In Equity Greenville Thursday August 28th 1851
Pursuant to notice given, I Goold HOYT Clerk & Master have summoned before me this day at my office Joab HEMBY, Lucinda VINCENT and Jesse VINCENT and the same made their appearance and were (for the Pltff) severally sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God to answer the truth to such questions as may be asked them in this case---
1st Interrogatory By Pltff--- What is your name and age
2nd Interrogatory by Same Did you Know Bennett BRILEY now deceased? how long have you Known him? State whether you have Known him intimately or not, were you much in his company at or about
3rd Interrogatory by Same-- Did you ever reside in his House? if yea when—in what capacity and how long?
4th Interrogatory by Same-- Have you resided in his neighborhood; have you been much in his company?
5th Interrogatory by Same I your opinion was he or not of sound mind in and about ----- state fully your opinionand anything you may Know in his conduct or conversation which induced you to form you opinion---
6th Interrogatory by Same-- Did said Bennett believe at any and what time, that he was bewitched? If yea by whom—state fully all you know about it

Lucinda VINCENT Exd.
Answer to 1st Intery: by same my name is Lucinda VINCENT I am 19 years old---
Answer to 2nd Intery: by same I Knew Bennett BRILEY for about twelve months before he died--& intimately about eight months before he died & was in his company a great deal---
Answer to 3rd Intery: by same I lived there about three months, from the 1st of April to the last of July of the same year I think that he died in the year before—I lived with the family to wait upon them---
Answer to 4th Intery: by same I have resided in the neighborhood but not much in his company only when I lived with him
Answer to 5th Intery: by same I dont think he was in his right mind when I staid there very little of the time if any--- He tried to set fire to his House and made marks & said they were going to kill him that he was going to die—
Answer to 6th Intery: by same I believe I have heard him say he was bewitched I never heard him say who done it—
Answer to 7th Intery: by same What induces you to think that BRILEY was not in his right mind the day the Negro Cherry was sold?
Answer He tried to put out the Sun with water I dont Know that it was on that day of the sale but it was within a day or two before—on the day at times, he kept inquiring for Luke NICHOLS asked if any one knew where he was--further this deponant saith not Lucinda (her mark) VINCENT
Witness Goold HOYT C&M

Joab HEMBY Exd.
Answer to 1st Interrogatory by Pltff—Joab HEMBY my age 30.—
Answer to 2nd Intery by same: I Knew him, I have Known him ever since I can remember, & known him intimately not in his company much, went to see him once in a while not after the
Answer to 3rd Intery by same: I worked there a week, (the year I think that he sold Cherry) in the fall say September or October
Answer to 4th Intery by same: I lived about 3 miles from him, & not much in his company
Answer to 5th Intery by same: He had no mind when I worked there and I saw him several times that year I did not think he had any mind---When I worked there he had his hands about him doing nothing & talked all sorts of follishness—
Answer to 6th Intery by same: I never heard him say anything about his being bewitched--- I dont remember seeing BRILEY about the time he sold the negro Cherry
further this deponant saith not Joab (his mark) HEMBY
Witness Goold HOYT C&M

Jesse VINCENT Exd.
Answer to 1st Interrogatory by Pltff My name is Jesse VINCENT & nearly 23 years old
Answer to 2nd Intery by same: I Knew Bennett BRILEY & have known him 10 or 12 years. I was with him but little except when I worked there the year before he sold Cherry I lived with him about 7 months =, when I saw him most of the time
Answer to 3rd Intery by same: I have lived with him as before stated & worked on the farm about 7 months
Answer to 4th Intery by same: I lived in that neighborhood, & saw him frequently—
Answer to 5th Intery by same: I dont think he was of sound mind at all times, a day or two he seemed to have his mind & then when he was drinking would loose it—He talked all Kind of foolishness, Rode his Horse & Barouche through his corn he seemed to be drinking
Answer to 6th Intery by same: I never heard him say he was bewitched Did not see him the time negro Cherry was sold
further this deponant saith not Jesse (his mark) VINCENT
Witness Goold HOYT C&M

Deposition of Wm K DELANY taken by consent of Plantiff & Defendant & other witnesses summoned for the 29th (to morrow not to be examined)

Wm K DELANY Sworn as the predeeding witness
1st Interrogatory; by Deft What is your name age & occupation
Answer My name is Wm K DELANY age 36 years occupation Merchant
2nd Intery by same: Did you Know Bennett BRILEY decd how long have you Known him & what do you Know of a certain negro formerly owned by him named Cherry if he sold her—or any one for him sold her to CLARK, the Deft State all you Know about the transaction---
Ansr I Knew Bennett BRILEY Decd I have Known him about twenty years--- I Knew Cherry & Luke NICHOLS informedv me she was BRILEYS property—NICHOLS offered her for Sale& said he was authorised by BRILEY to sell her, he offered her to CLARK for two hundred 7 Fifty Dollars CLARK then offered to give two hundred & asked me what she was worth, I said two hundred Dollars she seemed to be quite sick at the time—He CLARK said if he could get a good bill of sale for her he would give that, and told him I think to go to Joseph L BALLARD & get him to write it--- NICHOLS said that BRILEY was determined on selling her, she should not go on the plantation any more for he believed that she had tricked him Doctor BLOW told NICHOLS either that or the day before that unless BRILEY took the negro out of Jail she would die---Mr. CLARK said that he owned some relations of the Negro & that he would buy her rather than that she should stay in Jail and suffer--- I never saw BRILEY but once but what I thought he was capable of making a trade and that was the time a jury was held to determine him an Idiot or otherwise--- I did not see BRILEY for several months before August Court when they held the Jury--- I saw him last in the spring of that year I think it was early for he spoke of selling his Pork---
further this deponent saith not W. K. DELANEY
Witness Goold HOYT C&M

William Griffin (1784-1859)

Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas, Goodspeeds Publishing Co., 1889.

John J. GRIFFIN was born in Greene County, N. C., June 1, 1826, being a son of William and Sarah GRIFFIN, who were members of the Old-School Baptist Church and were born in North Carolina, the former's birth occurring in 1784 and his death in 1859. Of their seventeen children, John J. GRIFFIN is the only one now living. He became the architect of his own fortune at the age of twenty-one years, and for a number of years was engaged in farming and rafting. On the 25th of July, 1846, he was married to Miss Theresa L. HICKS, a daughter of Thomas S. and Jane HICKS, who were Tennesseeans, the former being engaged in tilling the soil. To this union eleven children were born, only four of whom are living at the present time: Sarah E. (WINNINGHAM), James M. (farmer, of Clay County, Ark.), John J. (a farmer of Dunklin County, Mo.), and T. J., also a farmer of Dunklin County. Mr. GRIFFIN took for his second wife Miss Sarah E. SPIKES, their marriage taking place on the 22d of June, 1875. Four of the seven children born to their marriage are living: Sanford and Adaline (twins), born September 22, 1875; Lee, born February 27, 1880, and Rosa, born September 12, 1887. Mr. GRIFFIN owns a good farm of eighty acres, sixty under cultivation, and devotes his land principally to raising corn and cotton. His property was at first heavily covered with timber, but he has made valuable improvements, and has now a good and comfortable home. He and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a Democrat, and a member of the Agricultural Wheel. For about fifteen years after first coming west he spent the fall and winter months in hunting and trapping, and has killed at least fifty bear and hundreds of deer, and in some of his hunting expeditions met with many thrilling adventures and narrow escapes from death. He was also engaged in rafting on Black River. His parents moved from North Carolina to Tennessee in 1826, and two years later located in Posey County, Ind., and in 1840 in Randolph County, Ark.

JOHN NORCOTT'S LAND, 1854

This deed is found in Pitt County Deed Book NN, page 406. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

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Goold HOYT to James S. CLARK (Deed)

This indenture made and entered into this 2nd day of January 1854 between Goold HOYT of the first part and James S. CLARK of the second part both of the county of Pitt & state of North Carolina Witnesseth that the said Goold HOYT for and in consideration of the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred Dollars to him in hand paid by the said James S. CLARK, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, doth by these presents, bargain, sell, alien, grant, give, convey, and confirm unto the said James S. CLARK his heirs and assigns, the following tract of Land situate in the County of Pitt aforesaid to wit: That tract or parcel of Land known in the plat of the partition of the Lands of the late John NORCOTT Deceased, as lot number one assigned to the late Joseph John NORCOTT deceased and bounded as follows: Beginning at shop Landing & running thence down Shop landing gut with the meander thereof to Tar River to the mouth of Tranters Creek bay, then up Tar River with the meanders thereof to the mouth of Grindell Creek—Thence up the said Creek the various courses thereof to the mouth of the old boundary ditch, thence with the said ditch w. 73 E. 291 poles, thence N. 86 ½ E. 32 poles—East 82 poles to the mill branch, thence down the run of said branch where it intersects with the main ditch leading through the field opposite the mansion house--- thence with the said ditch to where the bridge crosses the same in the line, thence with the middle quarter Road or lane to the lower end thereof just below the middle quarter dwelling house—thence south 65 E. 36 ½ poles to shop landing gut or cove, thence with the said gut or cove to the beginning: Containing one thousand nine hundred and fifty six and a half acres (1956 ½) more or less.

To have and to hold the same, with all and singular the rights, ways, woods, waters, privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise pertainibng to the said James S. CLARK his heirs and assigns in fee simple forever And the said Goold HOYT for himself, his heirs and assigns doth covenant promise and agree to and with the James S. CLARK his heirs and assigns excepting so far as any right of Dower may prevent that they shall have, hold possess, use, and enjoy the said Lands peaceably and quietly, without let or hindrances and to defend the title thereto against the Lawful claims of any and all persons whatsoever. In witness whereof he hath hereunto set his hand & seal the day & year first above written

Signed sealed & Delivered in the presence of} Goold HOYT {Seal}

G. F. JOHNSTON

Amos EVANS

Jany 12, 1854 Then was the foregoing deed fro Goold HOYT to James S. CLARK proved before me by the oath of Amos EVANS a subscribing witness thereto in due form of Law Let it be registered

Attest H. SHEPPARD CLK

Mrs. Anada McLawhorn, Suicide, 1927

Farmville Enterprise, Farmville, NC, Fri., July 29, 1927

Greenville, July 26--- Mrs. Anada MCLAWHORN, 50, wife of W. Bert MCLAWHORN, committed suicide Saturday by drowning herself in a small creek about one hundred yards from her home on the Cox Mill road, five miles from Greenville. Before committing the deed, Mrs. MCLAWHORN took off her shoes and placed them on the bridge. She then removed her hat, glasses, apron, placing the glasses and apron on the inside of the hat. Coroner E. S. WILLIAMS conducted the jury hearing which returned the verdict that the deceased came to her death by drowning with suicidal intent.

Will of James Adams, Pitt Co., 1856

This Will is found in Pitt County Will Book 1, p. 18; Pitt County Clerks Office, Pitt County Court House, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

In the name of God Amen I James ADAMS of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory do this 14 of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six make this my Last Will and Testament in manner following that is first of all I recomend my Soul to God hew gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a desent manner at the directions of my Extrs.

Item I give to my Son John ADAMS a tract of Land that Cannon SMITH deeded and sold to me.

Item I give to my Grand Son Jesse CHAPMAN a piece of Land I now live on beginning at a Stake to Thomas ADAMS line, Runing near North course to a Stake I made for a Corner in Nathaniel PETTIT line, thence with the greed line made between Nathaniel PETTIT and Abraham ADAMS to a Corner I deeded and sold to my Grand Son Jesse CHAPMAN.

Item I give to my Son James ADAMS one Dollar---

Item I lend a certain piece of Land to Eliza ADAMS my Son James ADAMS Wife during her natural life then to her lawful heirs.

Item I give to my Daughter Jane ADKINSON one bed and bed sted & furniture

Item I give to my Son in law Hardee STOKES One Dollar

Item I give to my Son in law Thomas MORRIS One Dollar and all the rest of my property that is not Willed away to be Sold and equally divided between my Daughters by my Executors.

Lastly I nomenate Constitute and appoint my beloved Son John ADAMS and Grand Son Jesse CHAPMAN my Executors to this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed and delivered in
Presence of us} James (his mark) ADAMS
Thomas ADAMS
Hardee J. SMITH

North Carolina Pitt County} Court of P & Quarter Sessions November Term 1858
Then was the foregoing paper writing produced in open Court as proved in due form of law by Thomas ADAMS and Hardy J SMITH the two Subscribing witnesses to be the last will and testament of James ADAMS Sen decd. So executed as to pass both real and personal estate. It was thereupon Ordered to be recorded and filed. At the Same time John ADAMS and Jesse CHAPMAN the two Executors named in Said will came into open Court and duly qualified as Such according to law. Attest Henry SHEPPARD CC

Will of Caleb Nelson, Pitt Co., 1859

This Will is found in Pitt County Wills; NC Archives, Raleigh, NC Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

In the name of God Amen I Caleb NELSON of the Stat of North Carolina and County of Pitt Being weak in boddy Perfect in mind and memory Do make and Ordaine this to be my Last will and Testament first of all recomemd mu Soule to Almighty God who gav it and My Boddy to the Earth from whist it came and to Be Burred in A christian Like manner

My desier is that my just deptes Shuld be paid out of the first moneys coming into the hands of my Executors.

1 Item I give unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth NELSON one mare dand horsecolt all my Stock hogs Cattle Sheep Bees and all the provion on hand that is to Say the Corn meel Peas poultry all the Potatoes And farming tools and four Beds and furnature I also Lend unto my Beloved Wife all the hous hold And kitching furneture Dureing her natural Life and One Cart and one Barouch and the Plantation wher I now Live Also During her Natural Life

Item I give unto the heirs of the boddy of my son Josiah NELSON one seventh part of the Negroes Devised to my wife for her life time By her father John Loughinghous decd and then to her Children That I Purchased of my Son Josiah NELSON it Being his undivided intrust in said Negroes also One horse and Buggy and other Articles I purchased at his Saile my desier is that my son Josiah have the use of said negroes and horse and Buggy and other articles During his Natural Life but They are in no wise to be appropriated to his Dbets

Item I give unto my Dauter Susannah SPAINS Chidren One tract of Land Lying on the South Sid of Juniper run Containing one hundred and twenty five acres which I give my daughter Susannah SPAIN the Privilig to Live on as Long as She Livs and not to Be taken for Debts from her and her Childen in no wise Also one Beron at my Wifes Death

Item I give my Daughter Serenah HARDEE three hundred And fifty Dollars one Bed and furneture one Secatary

Item I give unto my son James G NELSON all of my Lands that I own on the North Side of Juniper run Where I now Liv with all the improvements theareon at my Wifes Dith Elizabeth NELSON to have and to Hold to him and his heirs for evr one Beaufat With glas Doors

Item I have Eleven hundred Dollars in money and Not's that I sold two Negros for Win and Haret This to Be Equily Devided Amongst the heirs At my wifs Deth Elizabeth NELSON

Item and if their Be any other money or Not's In hand at my Deth or any other proprty Not other wise disposed of at my Deth to Be Sold And Equily Devided Amoungst all of my Children Josiah NELSON Emely HERREN Talith SMITH Susanna SPAIN Serena HARDEE James G NELSON

I Allso give unto Henry NELSON Childen The Seventh part to Be Devided Amoungst them all

Last of all I apoint my Beloved Wife Elizabeth NELSON And my son James G NELSON my Executors and Executer to this my Last Will and testament in Testimony where of There unto Set my hand and Seal this 6th day of February A D 1859

Sined Sealed and Acknoledged} Caleb NELSON {Seal}

In the presents of us

Test Lewis J EDWARDS

Test William W TUCKER

TAYLOR-SUTTON LETTER, ILLINOIS, 1867

A bad photocopy of this original letter and a typewritten translation by Clarice Mills was found in the genealogical papers of the late Clarice Mills. The location of the original letter is unknown. John Taylor married Kizzie Ann Sutton (1823-1906) dau. of Benjamin Sutton and Keziah Haddock. They migrated from Beaufort Co., NC to Indiana and then to White Co., Illinois by 1860.

Illinois White County February 23 1867
Dear Sir I Steped in the post office last nite and to my Grate Surprise and over whelming Joy the Post master handed me a letter from Washington north Carolina—now youd better beleave I felt Rejoysing Glad to hear from you all wonst more--- For I had Come to the Conclution that you wor all dead--- for I sent letters to washington and it lay in the office three months then went to the ded letter office then came back to me—to let me no it found no frends--- we air all well at present hoping those feu lines may find you all injoying the Same Blessings-- Seth SUTTON is living is living in Graysvill Illinois _____[ILLEGIBLE] Enoch (is also with him keping Batchler his son Jorge W SUTTON is living in Stewardsvill Indiana his son William is living about three miles South of Graysville Illinois Mared to Louisa BOLLINGHOUSE his daughter Santha Adlne is als Married to William HOSE Living near wadsvill Indiana his daughter Elizabeth Angeline is Living in St. Louis Missouri James SUTTONS Children____[TORN] dead but two by his first wife that is Susana and Benjamin allan Susana has bin Married twise hou She married last I do not now nor where they live—but about Prinston Indiana I havent hird frome im for along time Allan is also married and lives in Stuartsvill Indiana James SUTTON widow is also dead and one of his children _____[TORN] by him and was living [_____[TORN] about _____[ILLEGIBLE]
[PAGE 2] if you no Enny thing of my mother and Brother send me their wher abouts and tell them to rite to me. do you no enny thing of Elisha MORRIS if do send me his wher abouts and is _____
[ILLEGIBLE] and Janey EDWARDS living yet and How is henry EDWARDS and wife geaten Along—how is Thomas LEWIS Geatin Ritch Minto tell you—How is Terner POLLARD Geating along and his sweet wife also—How is Jacob LANCASTER and his folkes—What has become of David LEWIS and family—how is Lewis TAYLOR and all [WORDS IN THE CREASE OF LETTER] and Brillency and lukyann air thea all liveing--- is Fredrick LEWIS living yet if he is tell him I am living yet and is all [ILLEGIBLE] and has not forgoton the last drink I ever when with him—times is good hear money is flush and plenty Corn is ____[TORN] fifty cents wheate from two dollars and upards—Polk from Six dollars to six sevnty five cents—every things inperstion? Polls from we have all kinds of mashinry in this Country molasses mills woolen factory infact mashinry for making every thing but babys--- the old woman Says the way is the best—So no more At Presant

Rite soon John TAYLOR

William Williams, Forger, 1790

The North-Carolina Chronicle; or Fayetteville Gazette, Monday, Jan. 17, 1791

Made his escape from Wadesborough, in Anson county, on the 11th instant, while under confinement, a young man named William WILLIAMS, who was taken upon suspicion of forgery. He is a resident of Pitt county-- about nineteen years of age, yellow hair---Whoever will apprehend said WILLIAMS and convey him to me, or lodge him in the district goal of Fayetteville, shall have Twenty pounds reward.

Jesse GILBERT. Anson, Dec 16, 1790.

LYCURGUS J. BARRETT (1839-1889)

This obituary appeared in the *Carolina Banner,* Tarboro, NC, Fri., Aug. 23, 1889. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

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L. J. BARRETT, better known as Capt. "Curg" BARRETT. was born near Farmville, Pitt County, N.C., June 16th, 1839. His boyhood was spent upon the farm. The beginning of the civil war found him pursuing medical studies at the University of Virginia. Forsaking college, he took up arms in defense of his country, having volunteered as a private in the Fourth North Carolina Battalion, where he was soon promoted to captain of the Seventh C.S.A. cavalry company. He was noted for kindness to his men and bravery in the field.

At the battle of Petersburg his company alone remained on the field. He stood at their head cheering them on. Gen. Lee observing the bravery of this company rode up and asked what company it was. Being told it was "Captain BARRETT'S, from North Carolina," he (Lee) raised his hat and shouted "God bless the North Carolina boys."

At Blount's Creek Gen. Pettigrew complimented him for bravery, and ordered him to withdraw his almost starved and broken down men, and take them out of danger as he had done his "full duty."

At Croatan he captured a company of Federals. His men were the first to dismount and stack arms in the fort.

After winning fame in many battles he succumbed to the odds against him, being taken prisoner and carried to Fort Delaware where he remained eight months.

Leaving the prison at the close of the war he returned to his farm.

He twice represented Pitt County in the lower house of the State Legislature. The first time as the candidate of the Democratic party; the second as an independant Democrat, opposing the Democratic candidate as being the nominee of a combination and not of the people—the party.

He always took an active part in politics being a leader in his community.

In 1889 at the earnest solicitation of many friends all over the first district, but against the protest of a few dear friends he ran as an independent candidate for Congress against Major L. C. LATHAM, being defeated by a large majority.

After this he retired from active public life, spending his last years with his family, suffering for several months with heart trouble of which he died July 17th, last, being fifty years, one month and four days old.

A few years before his death he joined the Disciples Church at Farmville, for which he was an earnest, zealous worker. He died surrounded by the blessings of religion, a kind and devoted husband and father, a true friend and neighbor, leaving a devoted family and sorrowing friends and relatives.

Amos Atkinson in Kentucky, 1850

Found in the 1850 Census Graves Co., Kentucky

Amos A. Atkinson 54 farmer 8000 born N.C. Pitt Co.

Eliza 51 Va.

[According to other information, Amos A. Atkinson died Nov. 24, 1855, was the son of Allen and Mary Atkinson]

Mrs. Delphia Tyson Parker's Birthday, 1929

Taken from a newspaper clipping dated Sept. 1929 found in the Tabitha Marie DeVisconti Papers #480, East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Oldest Lineal Descendant Living in Pitt County is Honored

by Eva Horton Shackleford

Farmville, Sept. 14---At an early hour on Sunday, September 1, a day of blissful skies and serene beauty, there began to assemble at the late Col. John NEWTON's homestead near here the descendants of Tyson pioneers, warriors and statesmen, who pitched their tents on the level and fertile plains of Eastern North Carolina when they came to this country, wrote their names large in the pages of history, stored them in the memories of their contemporaries, and carved them on tablets of stone. One of the last-named memorials, a fitting boulder of grey granite, being unveiled here on Highway 91, a short time ago by the Daughters of the American Revolution and by the late lamented General and United States Senator, Laurence Davis TYSON, of Knoxville, Tenn., whose funeral occurred on August 28, the same day as the event in honor of which this celebration was held., the seventy-ninth birthday of Mrs. Delphia TYSON PARKER, the oldest lineal descendant of the Tyson family living in Pitt county, and a near relative of the Tennessee Senator. Life dawned for this Southern gentlewoman on August 28, 1850, at the old John Joyner TYSON home, situated within a mile of old historic Tyson church of Primitive Baptist faith, to which she has been a loyal and zealous adherent for 30 years and now enjoys the distinction of being the oldest woman member of that group. Her childhood and girlhood were spent there and she was considered quite a belle of Pitt county in those days. She was married to Richard Bolton PARKER in February, 1870, and they lived together in happiness for 50 years, celebrating their golden anniversary just three months before the death of her husband in May, 1920. The gracious hospitality of the PARKERS was known all over the county and those adjoining. Hers was a life filled with the arduous duties of the country housewife, in whom is often so well exemplified [TEAR AT FOLD] who is actuated by the most laudable of motives, the rearing of useful citizens for her country, finding her realm of service in her home and nurturing eight splendid sons and daughters. Though seldom noted in a world of industrial and scientific enterprise, the successful culmination of such an endeavor is a magnificent achievement.

More than three-score relatives and friends offered solicitations and presented gifts and flowers in answer to Mrs. PARKERS invitation, which might well have been sent in the words of King Richard II, "Come home with me to supper, and I'll lay a plot that shall show us all a merry day." At the noon hour the guests formed a circle about the 60-foot table set on the lawn, shadowed by the green boughs of friendly oaks, and groaning with the weight of palatable viands, such as only a prolific soil and excellent culinary art an produce and prepare. The table was centered with birthday cakes, one bearing 79 candles and the other 21, the latter in celebration of the birthday of Edwin NEWTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Watt S. NEWTON, who shared in the honors of the day, and whose home was the scene of the gay event.

A chair at the head of the table was set for the hostess, the honor guest of the occasion, and on her right sat her sister-in-law, Mrs. Nancy J. NICHOLS, age 78, and on her left, a cousin, Mrs. Banna J. TYSON, 73. Grace was said by a 70 year old nephew, Watt PARKER, of Farmville. A brother, A. J. TYSON, and wife, of Farmville, were present; five children of the six who survive, Mrs. W. S. NEWON, Mrs. Will HEARNE, of Sparta; J. F. PARKER, of Falkland; J. C. PARKER, of Fountain, and R. A. PARKER, of Farmville; (Billie H. PARKER, of Bolin, was absent); 23 grandchildren out of a total of 29 and five great-grandchildren.

An unusual fact, which shows the longevity of the Tyson family, was recalled in one of the conversations on the subject, that when Mrs. PARKER'S first great-grandchild, Miss Virginia MOORE, was one year of age, her living grandparents numbered 10. Other interesting incidents were recounted by the older heads, fond on dwelling on scenes of other days, with hearts full of fine sentiment and purpose bent on upholding splendid traditions of the Tyson family. With a beaming countenance which expressed her gratification and happiness, Mrs. PARKER bade her relations and friends goodbye at the end of the day and here again she might well have quoted King Richard, "I count myself in nothing else so happy as in a soul remembering my good friends."

Obituary of John David Cox (1859-1930)

Taken from a newspaper clipping dated 1930 found in the Tabitha Marie DeVisconti Papers #480, East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

A good man has fallen asleep and the state is poorer because of his passing. Feb. 5, 1859, near Hancock's Church, Pitt County, John David COX was born of hardy and honest parents, namely, Josiah and Sally Ann TYSON COX, both to the manor born and there they lived and died.

Approaching manhood, the subject of this sketch, longing for an education, footed it across the swamp, a distance of four miles, to attend Mrs. Mary SMITH'S school., the best in the county then. From this school, he went to our State University when it's destinies were presided over by Kemp Plummer BATTLE. Retiring from school, he took himself back to the farm on which he was reared. On December 23rd, 1885, he was married to Addie SMITH, the daughter of his old school mistress, Mrs. Mary SMITH, affectionately known as Mrs. Polly SMITH. On the farm they lived until Nov., 1897, when they moved to Winterville, maintaining a home there until this day. No children blessed this union. However, it was their privilege as well as their pleasure to take into their home three boys and two girls, all orphans, who remained with them until they were fitted to take their places in the business world. It seemed a pleasure to them to lend a helping hand to the deserving. While on the farm he did much surveying and for several years was county Surveyor. About 1896 he became chief surveyor for the Beaufort County Lumber Company, which operated in several eastern counties. A few years ago he purchased a farm at Apple Grove, Va. On this farm he spent his summers with a foster son, J. S. COX, since 1919. His winters were spent in Winterville. It was here on the 21 of August, last, that the fatal malady disabled him. He was taken to Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, N.C., Sept. 3rd, where he died Sept. 23rd. His remains now lie in Winterville cemetery. The deceased, besides numerous nephews and nieces, leaves a devoted wife, a sister, Mrs. Fannie CARROLL, and a brother, Dr. B. T. COX to mourn their loss.

He was always interested in politics of his county and state, was elected to the Legislature of 1891, and aserved as Clerk of Superior Court of Pitt County from 1914 to 1918, when he retired from business.

A true friend, a faithful husband, a noble man. (Written by his nephew, J. F. STOKES)

Z. D. McWhorter and Students, 1891

Eastern Reflector, Greenville, NC, Wed., Jan. 7, 1891

Prof. Z. D. MCWHORTER, of Bethel Academy, was in town Monday. He told us he would leave this week for Jonesboro to take charge of the High School there but would probably return to Bethel and re-open the academy next fall. Several of his former pupils, Misses Lena HARTSELL and Mary RAWLS and Messers. W. E. TUCKER, Isaac NICHOLS and Charlie PARKER, will go to Jonesboro with him.

GREENE COUNTY DEATH CERTIFICATES

The following are selected death certificates found in the Greene County Court House, Snow Hill, NC.
Obviously not all information is given, but these are meant as leads to find names.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

George Washington HART, b. Dec. 21, 1865 in Pitt Co., Mar. 17, 1948 in Snow Hill twsp.
F: Thomas HART, b. in Pitt County
M: Sallie DIXON, b. in Pitt County

William Thomas MURPHY (md. Mamie BYRD) b. Nov. 10, 1886 in Marlboro, Pitt Co., d. Sept. 12, 1948
F: William Allen MURPHY, b. in Pitt County
M: Luvenia ROBERSON, b. in Pitt County

Mrs. Mary HOBBS (md. John HOBBS) b. Apr. 26, 1865 in Greene Co., d. Oct. 6, 1948
F: William COBB, b. in Virginia
M: Gatsie COBB, b. in Greene County

Mrs. Maude Lee BLANCHARD (md. A. T. BLANCHARD) b. Apr. 19, 1882 in Greene Co., d. Apr. 20, 1949
F: W. J. STOCKS
M: Cordelia STOCKS

Mrs. Ida FORREST, b. Apr. 7, 1871 in Greene Co., d. May 10, 1949
F: Charlie STOCKS
M: Jane BUTTS

Mrs. Mary FAULKNER, b. Jan. 15, 1863 in Pitt Co., d. May 24, 1949; buried in Ayden Cemetery
F: Mr. STOCKS
M: Louise STOCKS

Mrs. Mary MILLS HARDEE, b. June 5, 1862 in Pitt Co., d. Nov. 25, 1949
F: Joe Rense MILLS
M: Duck COX

John Louis WORTHINGTON (md. Nannie) b. Apr. 21, 1890 in Pitt Co., d. Jan. 6, 1950
F: Albert WORTHINGTON
M: Nannie PARKER

Joseph Marion BARBER, b. Aug. 29, 1888 in NC, d. Mar. 18, 1950 in Maury, NC
F: Henry BARBER
M: Louisa CRAWFORD

Mrs. Sudie TRIPP FAULKNER (md. H. H. FAULKNER) b. July 1, 1888 in Pitt Co., d. May 12, 1950
F: William Jesse TRIPP
M: Sarah Elizabeth STOCKS

Mrs. Alease Missouri ALBRITTON, b. Apr. 21, 1899 in Greene Co., d. May 31, 1950; buried Rainbow Cemetery
F: John TURNAGE
M: Martha WADE

Mrs. Lelia Reese WILKERSON SUGG, b. Jan. 28, 1876 in Pitt Co., d. July 18, 1950
F: William H. WILKERSON
M: Nancy COBB

Charles Manley PITTMAN, b. May 11, 1857 in NC, d. Nov. 20, 1950 in Snow Hill, NC
F: Fieletus PITTMAN
M: Louise KILPATRICK

Mrs. Florence LANG MOORE, b. Sept. 18, 1876 in Pitt Co., d. Jan. 12, 1951 in Snow Hill, NC
F: Joseph LANG
M: Mary WARD

James Vance WORTHINGTON, b. Aug. 28, 1893 in Greene Co., d. Feb. 8, 1951; buried Ayden Cemetery
F: Thomas J. WORTHINGTON
M: Anice MCLAWHORN

Mrs. Cornelia KEARNEY, b. Apr. 25, 1866 in Greene Co., d. Mar. 14, 1951
F: John GOFF
M: Smithy FIELDS

Florence Selma O'NEAL, b. Sept. 26, 1875 in NC, d. Nov. 23, 1951; buried Reedy Branch Cemetery
F: Thomas R. O'NEAL
M: Salina J. JEANETTE

Joseph ARTHUR, b. Feb. 7, 1888 in Greene Co., d. May 26, 1952; buried Snow Hill Cemetery
F: Pinkey ARTHUR
M: Bettie SUGG

Elias V. VANDIFORD, b. Aug. 3, 1882 in Greene Co., d. July 3, 1952; buried Ayden Cemetery
F: Elias VANDIFORD
M: Lillas REAVES

Mrs. Trilby SMITH SHEPPARD, b. May 12, 1895 in Pitt Co., d. Jan. 4, 1953; buried Snow Hill Cemetery
F: Ivey SMITH
M: Vannie FLANAGAN

John Travice TURNAGE, b. Nov. 25, 1868 in Greene Co., d. May 13, 1953; buried in Rainbow Cemetery
F: Joe TURNAGE
M: Nancy SUGG

John Worley WOOTEN, b. Oct. 3, 1885 in Greene Co., d. June 8, 1953
F: William WOOTEN
M: Rebecca CRAFT

Daniel Webster BRAXTON, b. Aug. 26, 1888 in Greene Co., d. Sept. 30, 1953; buried in Maury Cemetery
F: Frank BRAXTON
M: Lillie FRIZZELLE

Mrs. Clara SUGG, b. Aug. 24, 1873 in Pitt Co., d. Dec. 30, 1953
F: Wyley PARKER
M: Susan HEARN

Hugh STOCKS, b. July 24, 1902 in Greene Co., d. Apr. 3, 1954; buried Ayden Cemetery
F: W. J. STOCKS
M: Zelphia PHILLIPS

Henry Frank NICHOLS, b. July 31, 1888 in Pitt Co., d. May 28, 1954; buried Hollywood Cem., Farmville, NC
F: William Henry NICHOLS
M: Susan HARRINGTON

Mrs. Harriet WOODS STOCKS, b. Nov. 11, 1868 in Granville Co., NC, d. Dec. 7, 1954
F: William WOODS
M: ???

Heber Bruce MANNING, b. Oct. 27, 1905 in Pitt Co., d. Jan. 24, 1955 Hookerton, NC; buried Ayden Cemetery
F: Heber MANNING
M: Bessie STOCKS

Dock Franklin BOWEN, b. Jan. 6, 1869 in Greene Co., d. Apr. 22, 1955
F: Charles BOWEN
M: Eliza GRIMSLEY

James Oliver CLARK, b. Aug. 23, 1912 in Pitt Co., d. June 21, 1955; buried Belvoir twsp., Pitt Co.
F: Jesse CLARK
M: Olivia BREWER

Mrs. Fannie MORGAN HEDGEPETH, b. Mar. 16, 1874 in Pitt Co., d. Sept. 30, 1955 in Snow Hill, NC
F: ???
M: Sarah MORGAN

Frank Joyner HEMBY, b. Nov. 4, 1893 in Pitt Co., d. Oct. 6, 1955; buried Greenwood Cem., Greenville, NC
F: Amos Calvin HEMBY
M: Cornelia NICHOLS

Mrs. Pearlie FAULKNER BOWEN, b. Nov. 14, 1873 in Greene Co., d. Oct. 28, 1955 in Ormondsville, NC
F: Redden FAULKNER
M: Lucenda STOCKS

Mrs. Ada FREEMAN CRAWFORD NICHOLS, b. Aug. 8, 1879 in Lenoir Co., d. Dec. 7, 1955
F: Henry FREEMAN buried Hollywood Cem., Farmville, NC
M: Susan BROWN

Ernest Hester CRAWFORD (md. Pennie VICK) b. Aug. 27, 1901 in Pitt Co., d. Feb. 28, 1956
F: Bob CRAWFORD buried Hollywood Cem., Farmville, NC
M: Ada FREEMAN

Mrs. Siddie KEARNEY, b. Jan. 7, 1894 in Greene Co., d. May 8, 1956
F: Wyatt TURNAGE
M: Canary TURNAGE

Gardner JONES, b. Oct. 28, 1870 in Greene Co., d. July 17, 1956
F: Asa JONES
M: Lydia TURNAGE

Mrs. Nancy DAIL STOCKS (md. Marcellus STOCKS) b. 1876 in Pitt Co., d. Apr. 7, 1957 in Snow Hill
F: John DAIL
M: Mary NICHOLS

Claude Albert ALLEN (md. Sudie LITTLE) b. Aug. 6, 1879 in Pitt Co., d. May 7, 1957; buried Maury Cemetery
F: Alfred LITTLE
M: Pauline MERRIMAN

Blaney Turnage HEATH, b. Dec. 9, 1894 in Pitt Co., d. Aug. 31, 1957; buried Hollywood Cem., Farmville, NC
F: James Henry HEATH
M: Kate JACKSON

Mrs. Bettie HARDY (md. J. K. HARDY) b. May 1, 1876 in NC, d. Apr. 28, 1958; buried Ayden Cemetery
F: Sam MUMFORD
M: Cyrene GARDNER

Herbert H. FAULKNER (md. Sudie TRIPP) b. Sept. 23, 1888 in Greene Co., d. May 21, 1958
F: Levie Henry FAULKNER
M: Annie STOCKS

Jimmie Richard FULFORD (md. Annie PARKER) b. Sept. 9, 1906 in Pitt Co., d. June 22, 1958
F: James G. FULFORD buried Hollywood Cem., Farmville, NC
M: Mary F. HARRIS

Mrs. Rosa MANNING HARRIS (md. J. Edward HARRIS) b. July 6, 1884 Frog Level, Pitt Co., d. July 23, 1958
F: John H. MANNING
M: Nicie ALLEN

Mrs. Helen HUDSON SKINNER (md. Clyde SKINNER) b. Jan. 12, 1906 in NC, d. Mar. 4, 1959
F: Allen HUDSON buried near Grifton, NC
M: Bettie BUCK

Mrs. Caddie WHICHARD BRILEY (md. James BRILEY) b. Jan. 13, 1878 in Pitt Co., d. Nov. 15, 1959
F: Staton WHICHARD buried Robersonville Cemetery
M: Eleanor JONES

Clyde L. SKINNER, b. Feb. 23, 1875 in NC, d. Dec. 13, 1959 in Ormondsville twsp.; md. Helen HUDSON
F: Lam SKINNER
M: Lethia SKINNER

Leona WETHERINGTON COX, b. May 25, 1891 in NC, d. Jan. 9, 1960 in Maury, NC; md. John L. COX.
F: Charlie H. WETHERINGTON
M: Nannie HERRING

Fountain STOCKS, b. Sept. 4, 1901 in Greene Co., d. Feb. 14, 1960 in Maury, NC; md. Stella FARMER.
F: Marcellus STOCKS
M: Nancy DEAL

Joseph Harvey DUNN, b. Oct. 10, 1885 in Pitt Co., d. Mar. 4, 1960 in Walstonburg, NC; md. Nannie BAILEY.
F: John Henry DUNN
M: Susan EVANS

Chapman Family Marriages

From the marriage index located in the Register of Deeds Office, Pitt County Courthouse, Greenville, NC. This collection lists all the white entries through 1900.
Transcribed and contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

Key to Format:
Groom (age) Groom's Father & Mother
Bride (age) Bride's Father & Mother
Date of marriage. Township. Performing official. Witnesses

Chapman, Henry Furny Chapman & Mary
Burney, Fannie Wm. Burney & Eliza
Apr. 27, 1871. Josiah Nelson, Min.

Chapman, L. J. (27) John Chapman & Lovie L. May
Brooks, Fannie (22) Spencer Brooks & Elisia
May 5, 1886. Swift Creek. C. W. Howard
E. L. Hazleton, Jesse Quinly, John Gaskins

Chapman, Raymond G. (25) Furney Chapman & Polly
Pusser, Martha E. (20) David Pusser [Purser] & Almarine
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James Robert Mobley Son of Joel Mobley & Jane His wife Was Born January the 9 1865 year of our Lord

Mary "Malisey" and Mary Susan the daughters of Joel Mobley And Jane his Wife was Bornd May the 13 1868

William Henry Laughinghous Son of Cornelious Laughinghous Jane his wife was Born the 14 Day May year of Lord 1853

Cornelia Elizabeth Laughinghouse Daughter of Cornllous Laughinghous & Jane his wife was Born April the 2, 1855

John O Boyd Son of Robert Boyd and Jane his wife was Born September the 4 1849

Polly Mobley was Born the 27 June 1809

Mary Lewezer Mobly the daughter of Joel Mobley and Polly his wife was Born March the 11th 1834

Joan M Mobley dauter of a bove Parents was Born April 15 1846

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Sherrod Tison, son of Moses Tison and Elizabeth (Joyner) Tison, was born the 8th day of January, 1785.
Elizabeth W. Tison, wife of Sherrod Tison, and daughter of Blanne Harper and Elizabeth Harper, was born the 21st. day of February, 1791.
The time of birth and names of the children of Sherrod Tison and Elizabeth W. Tison, is as follows:

Eliza Tison was born December 7th. 1809.
Blanne Harper Tison was born the 17th day of December, 1811.
Mary Jones Tison was born January 16th, 1814.
Lany Ann Tison was born March 5th. 1816.
Naomi Tison was born November 10th, 1818.
Sally Jane Tison was born February 3rd, 1821.
Peggy Ann Tyson was born September 9th, 1822.
Sherrod Tison was born November 2nd, 1824.
Emily Tison was born September 26th, 1826.

Richard T. Turnage, son of Moses and Emily Turnage, was born December 23rd, 1853.
Emma Virginia Turnage, daughter of Moses and Emily Turnage, was born December 3rd., 1857

Edward Francis Turnage, son of of Moses and Emily Turnage, was born December 6th, 1860.

Time of births and names of Sherrod and Nancy J. Tison's children, as follows:
Elizabeth Williams Tison, daughter of Sherrod and Nancy J. Tison, was born the 15th day of November, 1848. (1849?)
Eliza Macklewain Tison was born the 21st day of November, 1850.
Moses Robert Tison was born the 14th day of January, 1854.
Richard Albert Tison was born the 11th day of September, 1855.
Margaret Olivia Tison was born the 5th day of December, 1858.
William Sherrod Tison was born the 10th day of September, 1860.
Martha Ella Tison was born the 2nd day October, 1862.
Benjamin Franklin Tison was born the 5th day of December, 1864.
James Clifford Tison was born the 13th day of October, 1866.

MARRIAGES:
Sherrod Tison and Elizabeth W. Harper were married the 1st day of March, 1809.
John May and Eliza Tison were married the 4th day of December, 1828.
William May and Mary J. Tison were married the 10th day of December, 1829.
William H. Sheppard and Margaret Ann Tison were married the 22nd day of January, 1841.
Sherrod Tison and Nancy Jane Turnage were married the 14th day of December, 1848.
Richard L. Tison and Margaret L. Turnage were married the 12th day of January, 1860.

Time of births and names of Sherrod and Elizabeth Tison's grandcchildren, as follows:
Sherrod May, son of John May, was born January 4th, 1829.
James Sherrod May, son of William May, was born December 4th, 1830.
Elizabeth W. Sheppard, daughter of Henry Sheppard, was born June 21st, 1842.
James Glasgow Sheppard, son of Henry Sheppard, was born February 6th, 1845.
Benjamin Streeter Sheppard, was born December 15th, 1846.
Mary Macklewain Sheppard was born October 12th, 1848.

James T. Williams and Eliza M. Tison were married the 3rd day of May, 1870.
Moses Turnage and Emily Tison were married May 15th, 1851.

DEATHS
Elizabeth W. Tison, daughter of Sherrod and Nancy J. Tison, departed this life the 21st day of December, 1855.
Sherrod Tison, husband of Nancy J. Tison, departed this life the 29th day of December, 1866, in the 42nd year of his age.
Nancy Jane Tison, wife of Sherrod Tison, departed this life the 30th day of May, 1876, in the 44th year of her age.

Moses Robert Tison, son of Sherrod Tison and Nancy J. Tison, departed this life the 26th day of June, 1876, in the 22nd year of his age.
Elizabeth Harper, wife of Blanne Harper, departed this life the 13th day of January, 1820, in her 59th year.
Blanne A. Tison, son of Sherrod Tison and Elizabeth W. Tison, departed this life the 3rd day of September, 1820.
Elizabeth Tison, wife of Moses Tison, departed this life the 15th day of September, 1820.

Blanne Harper departed this life the 18th day of March, 1821, in the 64th year of his age.
Naomi Tison, daughter of Sherrod Tison, departed this life the 7th day of October, 1823.
Lany Ann Tison departed this life the June 25th, 1824.
Blanne Harper Jr. departed this life the on the 12th day of February, 1825, in his 25th year.

Sally Carson, wife of Richard Carson, and daughter of Elizabeth and Moses Tison, departed this life the 19th day of December, 1824.
Moses Tison, father of Sherrod Tison, departed this life the 4th day of October, 1823, in his 68th year.
Benjamin Tison, Esq., departed this life the 4th day of September, 1823.
Moses Tison, brother of Sherrod Tison, departed this life Thursday Morning the 6th day of November, 1828.
Absolum Saunders died the 24th day of November, 1836, in the 57th year of his age.
James Blow died the 26th day of September, 1836, about 60 years old.
Joel Tyson departed this life the on the 19th day of November, 1835.
Sherrod Tison departed this life the 29th day of March, 1832, being 57 years, 2 months, and 21 days of age.
Zilpha M. Tison departed this life the 26th day of November, 1845, in the 15th year of her age.
Dicy Jones, wife of Willoughby Jones, died on Sunday, the 11th day of September 183__
Lany Tison, daughter of Seth Tison, departed this life the 8th day of June, 1832.
Seth Tison departed this life the 4th day of January, 1832.
Sally Jane Tison, daughter of Sherrod and Elizabeth Tison, departed this life the the 10th day of August, 1832.
Elizabeth W. Tison departed this life the Sunday morning, September the 22nd, 1824.
Martha Belcher, wife of Benjamin Belcher, died Sunday, the 30th day of October 18___ in the 48th year of her age.

Eliza Macklewain Williams, wife of James T. Williams, and daughter of Nancy Jane and Sherrod Tyson, departed this life the on the 27th day of December 1923, at 6:30 o'clock P.M. in the 73rd year of her age.
Benjamin Franklin Tyson, son of Nancy Jane and Sherrod Tyson, departed this life on the 1st day of June 1933 at the age of 68.
Richard Albert Tyson, son of Nancy Jane and Sherrod Tyson, departed this life on the 3rd day of July 1933 at the age of 82.

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